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Security tightened for Rabin memorial

By LIAT COLLINS and Haim

After weathering a bomb scare this week, Knesset security was expected to be extra tight today during a memorial session being held to mark the second anniversary of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

Speaker Dan Tichon said yesterday that the Knesset switchboard received an anonymous phone call on Monday claiming there was a bomb in the plenum gallery. Security checks revealed nothing.

But Tichon said that certain measures were taken, such as double checking that the protective glass in front of the visitors' gallery could withstand gunfire.

Some 1,000 dignitaries have been invited to today's session, which starts at 5 p.m. and will be broadcast live on radio, television, and via the Internet (www.knesset.gov.il).

This is the first year a law covering special memorial events for Rabin has been in force, with events dedicated to democracy in schools and flags at public institutions being lowered to half-mast.

A graveside memorial is planned for 3 p.m. at Mount Herzl. Among the scheduled speakers is former Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar. Rabin's son, Yuval, will recite Kaddish. The ceremony will be broadcast live on radio and television.

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Ex-GSS head: Another assassination possible

By LIAT COLLINS

Another political assassination is possible, former General Security Service head Ya'acov Perry told the Knesset Interior Committee yesterday. He did not rule out its coming from the Left.

Shortly after the meeting, MK Benny Elon (Moledei) received a death threat with a bullet in the mail.

Perry joined the call for national reconciliation. "The political argument is cutting us up and dividing us and, in my opinion, we are almost heading for civil war," he said.

"It's definitely possible to conclude that, in light of the atmosphere of intolerance and because political argument is getting worse and exceeding reasonable proportions, that people aren't willing to hear the other side. This is an atmosphere which could definitely result in violence, incitement, and calls for death and, as a result, in another political assassination."

Perry said that in recent decades major acts of political violence have come from the Right, but said GSS agents are also working among the Left, where there are also anarchistic groups which deny Israel's right to exist.

"The GSS was created to operate agents. That's not a secret. Agents are operated across the - not political - spectrum; the [spectrum] of people who the service believes have a violent or a law-breaking potential, and it doesn't matter to the GSS from which side of the [political] map."

Discussing Avishai Raviv, Perry said he had often acted without the authorization of his operators and carried out provocations without their knowledge.

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Delegates back PM

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

By HERB KEINON

The Likud convention seemed beset by schizophrenia last night.

On the one hand, there was an undercurrent of a people's rebellion against the leadership - a rebellion that expressed itself in the delegates' decision to go against the wishes of ministers and vote on changing the primary system.

On the other hand, there was the thunderous ovation with which the delegates greeted the leaders they were rebelling against: Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, and - though to a much lesser extent - Communications Minister Limor Livnat.

"Don't fool yourselves," said Shimon Azran, a central committee member from Haifa. "This convention is 98 percent behind Bibi. It just wants to get itself back into the picture."

Netanyahu, indeed, was greeted with great warmth by the delegates. Many jumped on chairs and sang, "Bibi, king of Israel," when he spoke, and again extended his hand to left-wingers.

There seemed to be a concerted effort to wipe away the memory of the night before, when Netanyahu's speech was interrupted by catcalls.

Almost as a mantra, speaker after speaker referred to Netanyahu as "the Likud leader we all support." Inevitably each was greeted with wild cheers.

Even Sharon, who spoke against "going backward," was greeted with warmth. The delegates seemed to disagree with what he said, but to have no intention of divorcing themselves from the man who said it.

Arab armies said buying equipment from Israel

By STEVE RODAN

An Israeli government contractor has sold millions of dollars worth of defense equipment to Arab militaries, a defense executive said yesterday.

Shlomo Milo, president of TAAS-Israel Industries, said the company was approached by several Arab countries for weapons.

But the Defense Ministry would only approve the sale of non-lethal equipment.

"We have made sales of a couple million dollars to more than one Arab country," Milo said during a tour of the firm's plant in Ramat Hasharon.

Milo refused to name the countries or the type of equipment involved.

"There is a very limited range of products that we are allowed to sell to the Arab countries," Milo said.

A Middle Eastern diplomatic source confirmed that several Arab countries have approached Israel for weapons and electronic equipment used to fight terrorism.

Earlier this year, Israel Aircraft Industries president Moshe Keret said that his company was negotiating with Jordan to cooperate on joint projects, including the production of spare parts for their army.



Party leader and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu addresses the Likud convention yesterday.

"There's no danger of a split," said Danny Kon, from Kamei Shomron. "This is just something the press has blown up to weaken the party and weaken Netanyahu."

In Kon's eyes, the vociferous debate that took place both inside and outside the hall was not the sign of a party breaking up, but a healthy manifestation of democracy. "This

is a very Jewish way of addressing the issues, not in a closed room, but out in the open," Kon said.

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Canadian FM, ex-envoy differ on intelligence ties

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Diametrically opposed views about the nature and extent of intelligence cooperation between Canada and Israel were aired yesterday by visiting Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy and former Canadian ambassador to Israel Norman Spector, president and publisher of *The Jerusalem Post*.

After a meeting with Foreign Minister David Levy, during which he was reassured that Mossad agents would never again use Canadian passports as part of their cover during clandestine operations (as in the abortive Mashaal assassination seven weeks ago), Axworthy maintained

that this was done without Canada's consent.

He said "rumors" that Canada had given implicit permission for its travel documents to be supplied to Mossad personnel are just not true.

But Spector contended that members of the Canadian Embassy staff and Canadian security officials knew the passports were being used by the Mossad.

"The reason they didn't do anything about it is because of the extensive security cooperation between the two countries," he said.

Spector described Canada as "a small player" in the international espionage game.

"You have to pay for this kind of thing, and therefore Canada had to



Lloyd Axworthy (Brian Hendler)

get into barter arrangements in its dealings with the Mossad," he said.

After reiterating the commit-

By SARAH HONIG

A decision by the Likud convention on the fate of the party's Knesset primaries was not expected before early this morning, but the consensus was that the central committee members would succeed in their bid to do away with them.

This had become inevitable after a last-ditch effort at a face-saving compromise was reportedly foiled by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

Science Minister Michael Eitan and MK Uzi Landau, both members of the party's rules committee headed by Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, produced a formula whereby the convention might vote to scrap the primaries, but would not decide on a new system until a second convention in February. This won the committee's blessing.

A paper outlining the idea was slipped to Netanyahu on the podium, as Communications Minister Limor Livnat addressed the convention, and Netanyahu exchanged a few words with Hanegbi.

But when Eitan demanded that Hanegbi put the proposal to the delegates on behalf of the committee, he suggested it be presented as Eitan's private proposal. This was taken by all to indicate that Netanyahu had rejected it.

News of the failed compromise further fanned accusations by Likud ministers that Netanyahu was covertly behind the anti-primary move, despite his conciliatory public stance.

Netanyahu told the delegates that he would "accept and abide by any decision you make." At that point, the anti-primary decision seemed a foregone conclusion. The delegates welcomed the fact that Netanyahu did not reiterate his opposition of the previous day to a vote on the primaries.

Earlier in the day, Netanyahu met with three central committee members who spearheaded the anti-primaries move - Moshe Dolgin, Yitzhak Reggev, and Moshe Nissan. Dolgin proposed abolishing them, while Reggev

wanted no new primaries for the prime ministerial candidate in the event of early elections. Netanyahu was dead set against Reggev's proposal and Reggev withdrew it.

Dolgin reported that Netanyahu "strongly, even passionately,

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appealed to me to withdraw my proposal, but I could not agree. I said support for the proposal was far too broad and if I dropped it, someone else would sponsor it."

Netanyahu's arrival at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds on the second turbulent day of the convention was the highlight of a dull afternoon. Presidium chairman Yisrael Katz urged the delegates to "receive the prime minister warmly. Let's show the nation that we support him, that our aim is to strengthen Netanyahu, rather than to undermine him or question his leadership."

Netanyahu was greeted with chants of "Bibi, king of Israel," and "He is great, he is great." He waved and smiled, but during most of the proceedings appeared somber, tense, and deeply perturbed.

Catcalls and heckling erupted when Livnat began her speech, with shouts of "Go home" greeting her contention that "scrapping the primaries will bring us back to the chaos which lost us the 1992 elections." Others rose in her defense and scuffles erupted until Netanyahu ordered them to "sit down. We are here to listen to each other. You are not listening."

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon was cheered with chants of "Arik, king of Israel." He took a swipe at Netanyahu, alluding to charges he is playing a double game. He related that the prime minister "asked for my help at the convention and I answered that I was confused whether I was supposed to help his right or left hand."



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NEWS

in brief

Man stabbed in Jerusalem

A Jerusalem man was stabbed in Kikar Zion yesterday evening. He was lightly wounded in the hand and buttocks. He told police he was stabbed by an Arab, but investigators later determined the alleged attacker was a Jew with a criminal record. *Itim*

Grapes of Wrath UN group hears complaints

The five-nation Grapes of Wrath monitoring group convened at UNIFIL headquarters in Nakoura yesterday to discuss two Lebanese allegations that the IDF and South Lebanon Army had violated the understandings. The complaints were over incidents last week in which a civilian was wounded in a shelling east of the Nabatiya market town. *David Rudge*

First Israel-bound flight lands in Jordan

The first Israel-bound flight landed yesterday at Akaba airport in a trial run to assess the feasibility of a joint Israeli-Jordanian airport. The El Al Boeing 757, with 189 passengers on board, touched down at 4:15 p.m., having flown from St. Petersburg, Russia. Fifty seven passengers, mostly Israelis, got off and were driven on a bus to Eilat airport under tight security. The plane then flew on to Tel Aviv. *AP*

Israeli arrested in Onassis kidnap plot

Italian police have arrested an Israeli on Swiss suspicions he was involved in a plot to kidnap the heiress of the vast Onassis shipping fortune, a Swiss official said yesterday. Folco Galli, spokesman for the Swiss Justice Ministry, said that Ronen Bahulu, 28, was picked up Monday in Milan on a Swiss international arrest warrant. Bahulu, reportedly a former Mossad member, and six other Israelis are suspected of wanting to kidnap Athena Roussel, the 12-year-old granddaughter of Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis, her father, and trustees of her vast fortune last February in St. Moritz. *AP*

Settlers charge GSS involved in incitement

Jewish settlers charged yesterday that General Security Service agents were involved in incitement in Judea and Samaria, similar to actions attributed to Avishai Raviv. Shilo Gal, head of the Gush Etzion Regional Council, said yesterday that he knew of two agents working in settlements who were active for a number of years. *Margot Dudkevitch*

Public warned of counterfeit shekel notes

The Bank of Israel yesterday issued a warning about the circulation of counterfeit NIS 100 and NIS 200 notes. While the colors and printing of the phony bills are similar to the genuine articles, they can be detected by holding a suspected bill over a real one and comparing the thin metallic safety strips embedded in the notes. Other ways to spot phony bills include the lack of a water mark and the lack of raised printing on the portrait side. Any counterfeit bills detected should be turned in to the nearest police station, the bank said. *Itim*

PA security prepared to succeed Arafat

By STEVE RODAN, MOHAMMED NAJIB, and news agencies

The Palestinian Preventive Security Apparatus, headed by Col. Jibril Rajoub, plans to assume control of Palestinian Authority areas should PA Chairman Yasser Arafat die or become incapacitated, the London-based *Al Hayat* reported yesterday.

Quoting Fatah sources, the paper said Rajoub is forming political alliances and providing weapons to supporters for an expected battle with his rivals. The sources said that Rajoub has established bases in every major town in the West Bank and is ready to take power if Arafat dies or is too ill to continue his duties.

The article comes as Palestinian sources report that the PA chief is suffering from a degenerative disease. In late October, they said, Arafat collapsed in Ramallah and was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment. Arafat has denied this.

The newspaper says Palestinian security chief Mohammed Dahlan is prepared to take over for Arafat in Gaza. But Fatah sources were quoted as saying that Dahlan has many more enemies to deal with than Rajoub.

The sources said Rajoub discussed the succession issue with CIA representatives.

Palestinian and Israeli sources have reported Rajoub's increased activities over the past six months around the West Bank. This has included the establishment political and security strongholds in major Palestinian cities in the area.

Sharansky meets Dor Shalom leaders

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

The Dor Shalom peace movement intends to publish a newspaper in Russian as part of its efforts to broaden communication with more sectors of society. The move was announced yesterday after a meeting of the leaders of Dor Shalom, including Yuval Rabin, with Yisrael Ba'aliya chairman and Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky.

Rabin initiated the meeting the day after Sharansky was booed at the massive memorial rally held for his father, Yitzhak Rabin, on Saturday night.

Sharansky said he was glad to do so, noting he is extremely concerned over the rift in the nation. "I knew it wasn't going to be a picnic when I came to the rally, but that didn't stop me. When I heard the boos it strengthened my conviction that I was doing the right thing, and this was the place to state my truth and speak of what is common to us all," he said.

Dor Shalom spokesman Yehi-Shalom spoke of the movement's plans to publish a Russian newspaper and Sharansky agreed to be the interviewee in the paper's first edition. Sharansky also agreed to address a Dor Shalom conference. Sharansky said that before Rabin's murder he used to fast only on Tisha Be'av and Yom Kippur, but now he fasts also on the day Rabin was murdered, "as my way of expressing profound shock at this tragic event."

The Religious Affairs Ministry is now planning to turn the road in front of Rachel's Tomb into a plaza for pedestrians, with traffic rerouted to a parallel street. Deputy Religious Affairs Minister Yigal Bibi raised the proposal with Mordechai at the dedication ceremony.

Officials said most traffic has already been rerouted to prevent attacks from moving vehicles on the road adjacent to the tomb.

Mordechai said the expansion of the tomb will not disrupt Palestinian life. "The road to Bethlehem is clear. There is no intention to disrupt traffic."

The tomb's famous domed roof - built with the surrounding walls by Moses Montefiore in 1841, after receiving permission from the Turks - is now hidden from the street and the entire site is surrounded by four-meter-high walls joined to a thick concrete ceiling. A 60-meter corridor of reinforced concrete leads from the street into the tomb, protecting worshippers from stone-throwing and terrorist attacks. The archways under the site's central pillars have been unblocked in order to create a more spacious feeling.

In an interview on Arutz 7 Rabbi Shmuel Rabinovitch, in charge of holy sites for the ministry, said the decision to renovate the site became particularly pressing during the September 1996 riots that broke out after the Western Wall Tunnel exit was opened. Rabinovitch said he was at the site when hundreds of Palestinians stoned IDF troops guarding it.

Egypt to boycott Doha economic conference

CAIRO (AP) - In a move likely to anger the United States, Egypt declared yesterday it would not send a delegation to an economic conference that Israel will attend.

The decision deals a blow to host Qatar and the United States, which had sought a large Arab turnout for the three-day regional economic conference which begins on Sunday.

Egypt will join Syria, Saudi Arabia and several other Arab

states which are boycotting the conference to protest the participation of Israel, whom they blame for a deadlock in the peace process.

President Hosni Mubarak, leader of the most populous Arab nation, has long said that Egypt's participation would depend on progress in peace talks.

Information Minister Safwat el-Sherif said the president had told members of his ruling National Democratic Party that Egypt

"would not send a delegation." But Sherif quoted Mubarak as saying that he would have "no objections" to Egypt's ambassador to Qatar attending the opening ceremonies "if an invitation is extended."

Egypt recalled the ambassador to Qatar on November 8 amid tension over the conference, which is designed to promote trade and investment, particularly between Israel and the Arab world. But Monday's edition of Egypt's

leading government-run newspaper, *Al-Ahram* said the ambassador would return.

Sherif quoted Mubarak as saying his decision was based on an evaluation of the international benefits, particularly to the Arab world, of holding such a conference now. He implied that Israel stood to gain the most from the conference.

The only Arab states who have said they would participate are Jordan, Kuwait and Yemen.



Peace march

Marchers carrying signs that read 'Yes to peace, no to incitement,' make their way toward downtown Jerusalem last night, where over 1,000 people gathered for a memorial rally in Kikar Zion in honor of Yitzhak Rabin. The crowd heard half a dozen speakers, including Yehuda Wachsman, father of Nachshon Wachsman who was kidnapped and killed by terrorists four years ago, and the mother of Smadar Peled who was killed in the Rehov Ben-Yehuda bombing on September 4. A movie of Rabin was shown that included clips of the right-wing rally that took place in the square a month before his assassination, showing the ripping and burning of photographs of Rabin. The movie ended with a clip of the assassination. *(Text: Eli Wohlgelegen; Photo: Brian Hendler)*

Rachel's Tomb reopens after renovations

By STEVE RODAN and MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

An expanded and refurbished Rachel's Tomb was reopened yesterday in Bethlehem. Officials said the improvements will provide greater security and comfort for the thousands of worshippers who visit the ancient religious site.

"We have come to welcome and bring thanks for what has happened to us," Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai told thousands of worshippers who arrived to pray at the tomb. "We have come to this place and we will never leave."

Officials said the NIS 7 million project provides five times more space for prayer than the original stone structure. They said the main purpose of the complex was to provide security, noting the existing guarded parking lot across from the new complex.

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PA prisoners die in mysterious circumstances

By STEVE RODAN

Two Palestinian land dealers suspected of selling land to Jews have died recently in prisons of the Palestinian Preventive Security apparatus, one of a heart attack and another of mysterious causes.

Nafe'a Hassan Mardawi, a 50-year-old father of seven, died in Nabulus Central Prison on Sunday. He was arrested on June 15 by the PSA on suspicion of selling land to Israelis.

Relatives said Mardawi, who lived in Hableh, a village near Kalkilya, told of being tied up on his first night in detention. He lost consciousness, was hospitalized, and later was transferred to a prison in Nabulus, they said.

Mardawi was denied visits by relatives or lawyers for three months. Ibrahim Sulleiman Alsheikh, 65, was arrested on July 10, and died on October 14 in Nabulus Central Prison. The PA has not said how he died.

Netanyahu can expect tea and sympathy in London

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON - Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will encounter straight talk on the peace process from British officials, but also a considerable degree of sympathetic interest on other regional issues, when he arrives early tomorrow for a three-day visit to London.

Talks with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Foreign Secretary Robin Cook, and other senior government and opposition leaders are expected to focus on outstanding issues related to the interim agreement with the Palestinians - the seaport and airport in Gaza, "safe passage" between Gaza and the West Bank, Israel's delayed redeployments, and the time-out on settlement activity.

But Netanyahu is also likely to encounter unexpected sympathy for Israel's position. He will find a new Labor government that shares Washington's vision of the world and of Washington's immediate concerns.

In particular, the British government shares some of Netanyahu's concerns about the Palestinian Authority, not least its inadequate security arrangements and its inadequate financial structures.

As a result of corruption and

waste within the Palestinian Authority, Britain is understood to have frozen its bilateral aid to the PA at its current levels and to be insisting that its funds are now applied to specific projects, so that all expenditure is fully accountable.

Britain will also be anxious to know Israel's assessment of the current Iraqi crisis - it has pledged full support for the US position - as well as Israel's assessment of Iran's quest for non-conventional weapons capability and for delivery systems.

While Netanyahu's meeting with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in London on Friday is logistically convenient, as she travels to the Doha economic conference in Qatar, it is also intended to make a political point and underscore the Anglo-American closeness.

In addition to his meetings with Blair, Cook, and Albright, Netanyahu will meet leaders and foreign affairs spokesmen of the opposition Conservative and Liberal Democrat parties, address a meeting of parliamentarians at the House of Commons, attend a banquet for leaders of the Jewish community, and address a meeting of the British Herut movement.

The primaries conspiracy

Those who buy into conspiracy theories pointed last night to the fact that Likud central committee member Yitzhak Regev dropped his proposal to the convention while fellow delegate Moshe Dolgin did not.

Dolgin's proposal was the one which really mattered, asserted the ministers who accused Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of duplicity. Regev's proposal was an absurd one of no more than nuisance value, perhaps inserted to function as the goat of the Yiddish folk tale, which is introduced into the crowded house to lend the impression of improved conditions after it is later removed.

Regev suggested that in the event of early elections, no new primaries for the party's prime ministerial candidate be held. He told the convention that Netanyahu had nagged him all week to remove his proposal from the convention agenda. Reluctantly, Regev obliged last night.

But Dolgin's proposal was the one on which all the convention's pandemonium hinged - to scrap

ANALYSIS

By SARAH HONIG

the primaries for Knesset candidates and return the choice to the central committee. The ministers hotly opposed it. Netanyahu agreed to postpone the decision. Dolgin said that Netanyahu persuaded him to withdraw his proposal, but that he resolutely and adamantly refused.

That Netanyahu could sway Regev but not Dolgin was viewed as indicative of the fact that Netanyahu can get results when he wants them, but that he only puts up a show of trying when he is being duplicitous. Netanyahu really wanted Dolgin's proposal to win, some ministers assert.

Netanyahu will find himself very alone in his party in the immediate future. No minister remains without some degree of antagonism to him, although by late last night, when the primaries appeared a lost cause, some actually began paying

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Knesset panel given classified data on Raviv

By LIAT COLLINS

Members of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday got the chance to look at the short classified section dealing with Avishai Raviv in the Shamgar Commission's report on the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

The committee will announce its decision on whether to make this section open to the public tomorrow. It was originally planned to authorize the cabinet's decision to publish the section today, but MKs from both the coalition and opposition asked it be postponed by at least 24 hours so it did not fall on the memorial day for Rabin.

Labor whip Ra'anan Cohen said the timing of the release was not coincidental but aimed at "removing the stain from those who contributed to the atmosphere of incitement which brought about Rabin's murder."

The National Religious Party's Hanan Porat and Shaul Yahalom agreed that it should be postponed by a day, but said there is enough in it to justify establishing an independent clarification committee to investigate Raviv, who worked as a General Security Service agent while heading right-wing organizations.

Porat said a committee should investigate the actions of Raviv, and his operators, and the GSS's

code of behavior. Yahalom said Raviv had significantly contributed to what the Left says is the atmosphere of incitement that led to the murder.

After reading the classified section, Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said: "Raviv's part in the incitement is much less than that of many politicians. Raviv will not absolve them or save them. It's true that the bastard who shot Rabin has been caught, but Israeli society has still not fingered those who marked the target. Anyone who stood on the balcony at Kikar Zion marked out the target."

Ran Cohen (Meretz) said: "There is no connection between Avishai Raviv and the murder of prime minister Rabin other than Netanyahu's libel," adding that conspiracy theories are a form of libel against the GSS.

Pini Badash (Tsomet) said former GSS head Carmi Gillon should be prosecuted. Ophir Pines (Labor) said Raviv should be tried.

Alex Lubotzky (Third Way) joined the call for a delay in publishing the material. "I am ashamed that on the anniversary of the assassination, we will be dealing with Avishai Raviv instead of doing the soul-searching which could tell us how we got to the point where a prime minister could be murdered."



Shmuel Sackett is held aloft to the cheers of people of supporters who came to demonstrate in support of Sackett and Moshe Feiglin of Zo Artzenu at their sentencing yesterday. Sackett's lawyer Shmuel Casper is on the right. (Isaac Herzli)

Zo Artzenu heads get light sentences

By ELI WOHLGELERTER

The leaders of Zo Artzenu, Moshe Feiglin and Shmuel Sackett, received relatively light sentences yesterday after being convicted of sedition.

The Jerusalem Magistrate's Court sentenced Feiglin to 18 months with 12 months suspended, and Sackett to 12 months with eight months suspended.

The court also gave probation officials the option of recommending that the sentence be carried out by community service. A hearing was scheduled for December 17.

"Maybe in the end there is some sort of democracy here in Israel," said Sackett, "because we were worried what the sentence would be, and thank God I'm going home.... The most important thing to remember is, regardless of the sentence, we do not regret our actions: we did what Judaism commanded us to do, and democracy permitted us to do."

Zo Artzenu, or "This is Our

Land," organized a series of disruptive protests in the summer of 1995 against implementing the Oslo Accords.

As leaders of the organization, Feiglin and Sackett were found guilty on September 3 of the charge of sedition.

Judges wrote in a lengthy decision that the two sought "to create a situation where, as a result of their actions, the government would not be able to function - not because of their influence on public opinion, but rather because of a physical inability to function."

Asked about allegations that their actions may have contributed to the atmosphere that led to Yitzhak Rabin's assassination two years ago, Sackett replied: "Nothing we did led to the assassination.... What we did was completely non-violent, and we stand proud and tall - not that we had to do it, but the fact that we were willing to do it. And if the left-wing ever takes power, heaven forbid, we'll be out there again blocking the street."

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Hammer calls for greater tolerance

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer said yesterday that Yitzhak Rabin's assassination underscored a need in Israel for wider tolerance of opinions and less tolerance for violence.

"We must try to fully comprehend what happened, to choose the foundations of our future," Hammer wrote teachers and pupils on the second anniversary of the slaying.

In Israel's 50 years, "nothing has shocked the nation as did the murder of its prime minister, the late Yitzhak Rabin. ... Our souls are

still trembling, and our brains still striving to grasp the unimaginable," Hammer wrote.

"We haven't the power to return to the past, to the time of the murder, and chase away the heinous murderer, but we do have the power, and we are duty-bound, to examine how this blood-curdling moment of the pulling of the trigger came upon us," he wrote.

He said "we are commanded to perform some soul-searching; the way in which we conducted the great disagreements between us did not encourage the murderer to keep the safety pin on his weapon."

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RUSSIAN PRESS REVIEW

By YOSEF BEGUN

The second anniversary of Yitzhak Rabin's assassination brought to the forefront once again the country's sharply polarized political animosity. In the weekly *24 Hours*, Ian Kfir writes that "the right-wing extremists who are guilty of Rabin's assassination are not ready to repent. They considered Rabin a danger to the realization of their dream of a 'Greater Israel' spanning both sides of the Jordan River."

Vesti's political commentator Dov Kontorer points out that "a large part of the Jewish population in Israel expressed their dissatisfaction with [Rabin's] policy. The Oslo Accords the Palestinian army in the territories, the willingness to withdraw from the Golan Heights - that was Rabin's political heritage, which will not be accepted by them."

Kontorer criticizes attacks by left-wingers against their right-wing opponents in which they try to utilize the memory of Rabin's assassination.

"It could become a unifying factor, but it will be impossible until the attitude toward the crime is accompanied by a call for loyalty to the political legacy of the deceased premier," Kontorer says.

Mark Bibichkov in Vesti presents the credo of the public movement Dor Shalem Doresh Shalom (An Entire Generation Demands Peace):

"The resolution of acute political problems is possible only by means of tolerance brought about by dialogue between ideological opponents."

Movement members have traveled to Kiryat Arba and Hebron, and have met with B'nai Akiva groups. The ideology of the movement is "not abstract peace in the Middle East but peace inside Israeli society... So that this political assassination will be the last in the history of our state," writes Bibichkov.

year," scoring twice as high in popularity as Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky.

Sharansky lately has advocated the creation of a national unity government. In a *Novosti Nedeli* editorial, Sharansky is described as being deeply concerned about the aggravated struggle between the different camps in Israeli society.

"I do not remember such a situation in all the 11 years I have lived in Israel," Sharansky writes. *Novosti Nedeli* comments that "many politicians and ordinary citizens... welcome Sharansky's initiative," and the paper's front-page headline dubs him "the architect of national unity."

In Vesti Anna Isakova writes that "serious political analysts" are very interested in Lieberman's political situation and his prospects for creating a "new Russian party." She calls Lieberman "a political figure of national proportions" and states that the real order of the political forces in the Russian community "is not comprehensible for the [Israeli] mass media." She mentions, for example, that general public opinion seems to feel that the "Russian electorate is politically ignorant and that Russian newspapers manipulate their voting choices."

"It is too early to determine if, in the next election, the disappointed [by Sharansky] voter will cast his ballot for Lieberman," she says.

Sharansky and Lieberman

The rating of the two highest-ranking politicians of Russian origin recently received public attention after the results of a poll were published in Vesti. According to the poll, Avigdor Lieberman earned the title "politician of the

Shakespeare for schoolchildren

How do you get Russian-born children in Israel interested in the masterpieces of classical literature? "It is impossible to conceive of a Jewish child in Russia who has not read such books," writes Victoria Martinova in Vesti.

Members of The Immigrant Teachers' Association in the north have devised a special course to introduce students to masterpieces of world and Russian literature. Sofia Pessina, a teacher of world literature and principal of a school in Haifa, says "it is an attempt to teach our pupils to think in the tradition of the Russian Jewish intelligentsia which was so fundamental for us there. We want to give back to the children the rich world of literature that is their birthright."

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Weizman lauds PM's call for tolerance

By BATSHEVA TSUR

President Ezer Weizman yesterday praised Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for stretching out his hand in a gesture of national reconciliation.

"This was the right direction," Weizman said, referring to the attitude of tolerance towards the Left expressed by Netanyahu at the Likud convention opening. "We must take steps to lower tones in this country and to have a more pleasant atmosphere of dialogue," Weizman told industrialists on National Export Day in Tel Aviv.

Israelis should not be pessimistic about the scope of economic activities with the Palestinians and our Arab neighbors, the president continued, since this is bound to change

with time. He called for greater efforts toward peace, "since there is no alternative to peace." Netanyahu reiterated his call for tolerance. "It is possible that closing social gaps and adopting a different tone and a different style of argument will give us a flourishing and developed country that will live in peace with its people and its neighbors," he said.

Meanwhile, some 2,000 postcards have been received by Beit Hanassi since last week, when an ad in *Ha'aretz* called on citizens to write to the president, asking him to remove Netanyahu from office.

The ad, placed by a group calling itself Plebiscite, read: "Democracy is first and foremost getting off your backside and doing something... Let's go to the president... Write him a postcard."



Father George Edelstein, a Russian Orthodox priest, is shown yesterday alongside his son, Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein, at a conference about religion sponsored by the B'nai B'rith World Center and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

Edelstein's father, a Russian cleric, blasts his church

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Father George Edelstein, a Russian Orthodox priest in a community outside Moscow, issued a searing condemnation yesterday of the hierarchy of the Moscow Patriarchate, calling it corrupt and a virtual tool of the government.

Edelstein, better known to Israelis as the father of Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein, spoke to reporters after a speech to a symposium entitled "The Impact of Politics on Religion at the End of the Twentieth Century."

George Edelstein, who was born to a Jewish father and a Christian mother, embraced Christianity, together with his Jewish wife, in the 1970s. Their son opted for Judaism.

Edelstein said he was proud of his son, an observant Jew, but not because of his position.

"I am proud of Yuli. The important thing for me is not who he is,

but how he is. If he did well in any field I would be proud of him," Edelstein said.

His own philosophy was that he had to be tolerant. He had friends who were Christians, Jews, Moslems and agnostics. Above all, he said, he had to look to where he was to blame for any situation.

Then he turned to criticizing church to which he belongs.

"Our leaders are very corrupt and our brothers from the West help to corrupt our leaders by talking only to them. They never talk to the grass roots level," he said.

He also questioned the validity of those who say there has been a resurgence of religion in Russia since the downfall of Communism. Although more people were attending church services, the number may taper off now, Edelstein said.

The conference is sponsored by the B'nai B'rith World Center and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

Ciechanover panel asked to resign

Ran Cohen (Meretz) yesterday asked Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein to dismiss the members of the Ciechanover Clarification Committee into the Mashafal Affair after reports that they lunched with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu Friday, although he is a witness in the affair. Cohen told commission chairman Yosef Ciechanover the committee should resign and said from the start there had been doubts about its independence and credibility.

In response, Ciechanover said the committee holds its meetings in an isolated building and hears witnesses for up to 15 hours a day. He said witnesses appearing at regular mealtimes are invited to the dining room. In this case, Netanyahu was in the dining room when the committee adjourned for lunch he said.

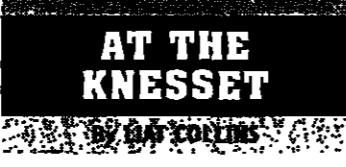
"I can assure you that neither in

this case or in other cases is the committee's work discussed during the meal," Ciechanover said.

Panel discusses hazardous materials

Ten percent of the drivers transporting hazardous materials report being drowsy at the wheel at least once a month, the Science and Technology Committee was told yesterday by Dr. Elihu Richter, of the Hebrew University. He called the situation "very worrying" and said the main problem with the transport of hazardous materials lies with the drivers. He said it should be made certain that drivers are not compensated for working unreasonable hours.

Police Dep.-Cmdr. Eli Aroussi,



head of the transport department in the Internal Security Ministry, called trucks laden with hazardous materials a "moving time bomb."

Lt.-Col. Dina Franko, in charge of hazardous materials at the Home Front Command, said that safety regulations at the Pi Gilot gas depot are not being implemented because of the decision to move the depot to a location further from a densely populated neighborhood.

Rabbinic court pleaders must marry

If you want to work as a rabbinic court pleader, first get married. This is the message that came across in the answer to a parliamentary ques-

tion by Eliezer Zandberg (Tsomet) to Deputy Religious Affairs Minister Yigal Bibi. "Just as a bachelor cannot be a religious court judge, so must a rabbinic pleader be married," said Bibi. "The reason is the sensitive issues with which pleaders and judges deal which require an understanding and knowledge of family life."

Dorm rooms for Arab women

The subcommittee on the status of Arab women, chaired by Tamar Gozansky (Hadash), yesterday condemned the arson attack on the home of female Arab students in Jerusalem and called on the universities to allocate places for Arab women in the dormitories because of the trouble-they-have-in renting apartments off-campus and the threats they face there.

RABIN

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Before the Knesset ceremony, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, President Ezer Weizman, and their wives will receive Leah Rabin in the Speaker's office.

A question was raised yesterday about who would make speeches, after it became known that former Labor Party leader Shimon Peres would be out of the country.

Tichon had previously broadened the list of speakers to include Peres, in addition to current party leader Ehud Barak, following a reported dispute within Labor over who should give the address.

It was decided that in Peres' absence, Nawaf Massalha (Labor), a deputy speaker, would address the plenum as a representative of non-Jews.

Tichon, Weizman, Netanyahu, and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer are also scheduled to speak.

The memorial will apparently open directly with speeches, without a traditional moment of silence. Tichon said the Knesset presidium had received many suggestions about how to start the session, such as with a prayer, or with Rabin's favorite song, the Palmach's "Song of Friendship."

He said it was decided to avoid disagreements by

starting with the addresses. Memorial prayers will be held in the Knesset synagogue at 1 p.m.

A permanent memorial site with a picture of Rabin and a visitors book will also be dedicated today at the MKs' entrance to the House, following a request by MK Eitan Cabel (Labor).

In response to threats by Labor MKs Dalia Itzik and Avi Yehezkel to walk out during Netanyahu's speech, Tichon said he appealed to Barak and other Labor members to avoid such disruptions.

Tichon said he also planned to call a 10-minute recess in the event that there is any heckling or other interruption, a move he said which would "leave it to the public to decide who was responsible for the lack of respect."

A special related session on tolerance and democracy was scheduled for a later date. The first sitting of the Goodwill Forum established by MK Rafi Edri is expected to be held this morning. Another memorial is being held at noon with 10,000 high school students at the site of the assassination, Tel Aviv's Kikar Rabin. Also participating will be members of the Rabin family and Mayor Roni Milo.

Henry Kissinger, the former US secretary of state, will open a series of lectures in Rabin's memory with a talk on US Middle East policy at the Habimah theater on Sunday.

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Kleiner storms out of ceremony for Holocaust fund signing

Change in Generali deal means families 'have no guaranteed access to money'

By DAVID HARRIS

MKS and representatives of Assicurazioni Generali yesterday appointed five trustees to manage a \$12 million fund the Italy-based insurance company set up to compensate families of life insurance policyholders who were killed during the Holocaust.

will be the highest priority recipients of the fund. The agreement, which establishes the fund for 12 years, was to have included a clause guaranteeing the highest priority would go to policyholders' families, and particularly to older people. However, the document signed yesterday only gives that guarantee for the first two years of the fund's existence.

reduce the tension between the MKs and representatives of Generali. "[Trustee board] members should use their discretion on this matter," Ravitz said. "This is a misunderstanding in the wording. All of us trust and support [the trustees]."

for Holocaust victims and their families and "other suitable purposes." Following the meeting, Kleiner said the understanding was the fund would first be distributed to families and only then to organizations.

tants have been allowed to see the names of Jewish policyholders." Israeli lawyer Elisheva Ansbacher alone is acting for some 90 families who claim they hold policies which the company never met.

Mordechai to visit Turkey next month

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and MEYHAN DEMIR

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai will visit Ankara next month to strengthen military ties with Turkey, Turkish officials said yesterday.

Mordechai's office confirmed the visit would take place but declined to provide an itinerary. Turkish officials said Mordechai had accepted Turkish Defense Minister Ismet Sezgin's invitation to visit.

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak was in Turkey last month. Turkish sources said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was also planning a trip to Ankara in three months.

Mordechai, accompanied by a military delegation, is expected to meet with President Suleyman Demirel, Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz and other Turkish leaders, Turkish officials said.

During the visit, details including setting a date for a controversial Turkish-Israeli-US naval maneuver are to be discussed. The maneuver has been planned for January and is to be held off the Israeli coast.

Mordechai's discussions in Turkey are also expected to cover numerous defense issues and joint projects. The Turkish and Israeli defense establishments have considered plans to set up a satellite communication system to create a safe intelligence link, Turkish military sources said.

Meanwhile, Israel reportedly has begun delivery of air-to-ground, stand-off precision-guided Popeye I missiles to Turkey. At least 40 Popeye missiles, with a range of 150 kilometers, will be delivered to Turkey this year. Ankara is expected to purchase 60 more missiles next year.

According to the senior Turkish defense sources, Turkey and Israel are planning to cooperate on a project to jointly produce Delilah and Arrow long-range missiles, with a range of up to 500 kms. Both countries are concerned about the planned transfer of Russian-made S-300 missiles to Cyprus.

Turkey and Israel also have been exchanging intelligence, including information about terrorism.

During his visit, Mordechai is expected to try to convince Turkish officials to open the way for TAAS-Israeli Industries to modernize Turkey's aging M-60 tanks. Israel also is bidding to refit Turkey's 48 F-5 war planes and to replace Turkey's G-3 infantry weapons with Galil assault rifles.

Israel Aircraft Industries already is upgrading 54 Turkish F-4s under a \$632 million deal.

In a related development, the US has sent fighter jets and a refueling plane to southern Turkey. Defense News reported. So far, four F-16 fighters and one KC-135 have arrived at the Incirlik Air Base, which was used extensively during the Gulf war to stage air strikes against Iraq.



Sharing old times

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky (left) meets in his Tel Aviv office yesterday with former US secretary of state Henry Kissinger (center) and former 'New York Times' editor Abe Rosenthal. (Dan Ossendyver/Israel Sun)

Arbel to update Maccabi Australia head today on bridge-collapse prosecutions

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Maccabi Australia head Ronald Goldman is slated to meet today with State Attorney Edna Arbel to discuss progress in the prosecution of those responsible for the Maccabiah bridge tragedy, in which four Australian athletes were killed. A fifth is currently in very serious condition.

"It's taking too long to come to conclusions," Goldman said in an interview on Israel Radio yesterday. "It's four months now, and it's time that those who perpetrated this awful event are brought to justice."

Goldman said press reports that members of the Australian Jewish community had appealed to the Australian Olympic Committee to bar Israel from the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000 had been taken out of context, and were incorrect.

However, he said, there had been those in the community who had suggested that such a move be considered if Israel does not do justice to the victims.

"Certain suggestions were made that were justice not seen to be done by the time the Olympics comes around, that certainly pressure would be brought on Australia in relation to Israel's participation in the Olympics," he said.

Goldman said he also hopes to meet with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during his visit, and would appeal to what he called Netanyahu's sense of justice.

Technion workers demonstrate over dismissal plans

By DAVID RUDGE

Hundreds of angry workers burst into the office of Technion President Prof. Zehev Tadmor yesterday, after burning tires outside the senate building to protest plans to dismiss staff at the university's research and development foundation.

The stormy demonstration followed the breakdown of talks between management, the Histadrut, and representatives of the workers over a recovery program.

There was no violence, despite the heated atmosphere, and the protesters dispersed after their representatives spoke with Tadmor.

The workers did, however, cut power supplies to the senate (administrative) building which remained without electricity throughout the day.

Tadmor agreed to postpone a planned trip abroad to try to resolve the dispute. He called on the Histadrut and the works committee to resume negotiations.

The Histadrut maintained that management has decided to hire bodyguards to protect Tadmor and other senior staff in the event of any violent demonstrations. The claim was categorically denied by Tadmor.

The research and development foundation is a subsidiary of the Technion that operates as a separate body. It has run into severe financial difficulties, accumulating a huge deficit over the past two years at the rate of about NIS 1 million a month.

Management has warned that some facilities run by the foundation will have to be closed and nearly 200 of its 800 workers, including part-timers, dismissed, unless the recovery program is implemented.

Management issued a letter to workers warning of the prospect of dismissals. The Histadrut in turn warned that it would call a strike that would close the Technion completely, if even one worker receives a dismissal notice.

An agreement was reached in principle that 25 workers would retire and an additional 45 would leave voluntarily.

The talks broke down last week, however, over the workers' demands that their pensions be guaranteed.

Tadmor said he had put forward a proposal that would resolve the workers' fears, but they had refused to resume negotiations.

IAF: We train for non-conventional attack

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

In a rare revelation of its defense capabilities against non-conventional weapons, a senior IAF officer said pilots and ground crews train with gas masks on and that some hangars are protected through filters and air-pressure systems.

"The most relevant threat against the air force today is from ground-to-ground missiles," said the head of the IAF's behavioral department, Lt.-Col. Arnon. "The missiles... are capable of being armed with both conventional and non-conventional warheads."

He said the focus of the air defense is directed at Syria, which has hundreds of Scud missiles capable of reaching most of Israel.

"Our enemy has a good attack capability and we have to deploy accordingly," he said in an interview in B'amaneh.

According to Arnon, NBC (nuclear, biological, and chemical) warfare protection is practiced in all branches of the IAF.

"During an anti-aircraft exercise, you can see everyone going around in NBC protective clothing as they go through the alerts and firing their missiles under all conditions," Arnon said. "There is a massive deployment to continue fighting during an attack."

Arnon said all anti-aircraft batteries along the northern front are mobile and able to jump from firing station to station on short notice. The military weekly included a photo of two pilots wearing gas masks. Arnon said the crews and pilots were able to function even if the jet had become contaminated.

He also said the current IAF assumption is that the Arab states do not have nuclear weapons, and that the aim of the training is to enable tactical warfare to continue under biological or chemical attack.

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in brief

Rosenstein released to house arrest

Ze'ev Rosenstein, a suspect in the murders of Shoshana, Yehzekel and Ilan Aslan and the attempted murder of Meni Aslan, was released yesterday by a Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court on bail for two weeks of house arrest in Hod Hasharon. Police agreed to the release after Rosenstein signed a self-guarantee of NIS 20,000, and a third-party guarantee of NIS 5,000 was posted. Rosenstein is barred from making contact with anyone else involved in his case. His passport has also been deposited with police. *Iim*

Kazakhstan Airlines #211 passengers sought

The Health Ministry is seeking the identities of all 160 passengers - including 77 olim - on Kazakhstan Airlines flight 211 on October 27 to determine whether any were infected with tuberculosis by a passenger. Anyone who was on the flight is asked to go to the nearest district health office for a skin test. A man who did not inform the Jewish Agency that he was hospitalized in an acute stage of the disease immigrated to Israel last month and was diagnosed here with TB. *Judy Siegel*

Malaysian PM says he is not anti-Jewish

Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday he had never meant to offend Jews when he spoke of a Jewish conspiracy against Moslems being responsible for Malaysia's currency crisis. "I was not saying anything anti-Jewish," Mahathir told reporters when asked about his comments last month. He explained he was merely citing the perception of some people, which he does not endorse. "There are people who say it is a Jewish plot," he said. *AP*

Pupils allowed to grade themselves, teachers

Pupils in four schools are being asked to grade themselves, their teachers and their schools. The project, part of a larger one called "Trailblazing Schools" run by school inspector Yehoshua Lavie in three schools in Rehovot and one in Gedera, involved the pupils being asked 31 questions to provide a general assessment of their school. *Aryeh Dean Cohen*

Squash from territories barred

A prohibition on the import of squash (marrow) from the territories was announced yesterday by the Health Ministry after it received lab studies showing forbidden levels of pathogens. The ban will be in effect until new tests show the danger has passed. *Judy Siegel*

Red Cross may recognize Magen David

The International Red Cross may be softening its long-standing objections to letting Magen David Adom join the organization and to recognizing the Israeli group's emblem, Stewart Jackson, chairman of the International Society of Friends of MDA said yesterday. Jackson, a New York lawyer and vice president of American Red Magen David for Israel (ARMDI), said he "wouldn't be surprised if, within a couple of years, MDA would be accepted as a full member." The issue is soon to be taken up at an ICRC meeting in Seville. *Judy Siegel*

MDA to be fax-accessible

The Health Ministry will finance the purchase of fax machines for all Magen David Adom ambulance stations so that the deaf can call for help. Health Minister Yehoshua Matza decided to spend NIS 50,000 for this purpose at the request of an association for the hearing impaired. Many deaf people have fax machines, but the lack of faxes in MDA stations prevented them from calling an ambulance. *Judy Siegel*

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Beyond the yellow ribbons

Louise Woodward's hometown vows to clear the nanny's name

By DAN BALZ

LONDON — Elated supporters of Louise Woodward toasted her freedom with tears, cheers and champagne in the little pub in her home village after a judge overturned a jury ruling that she murdered a baby she was supposed to take care of.

But even in their jubilation, they vowed to continue their campaign to overturn her manslaughter conviction and "clear her name completely."

They had tied thousands of yellow ribbons, raised thousands of dollars from all over the world for her legal defense fund, and maintained a vigil in the Rigger pub in little Elton in northwest England since a Cambridge, Mass., jury convicted her of second-degree murder 10 days ago.

Judge Hillier B. Zobel announced Monday morning that he had reduced her conviction to manslaughter, leaving the people of Elton anxiously anticipating what her sentence might be. But not even Woodward anticipated Zobel's ruling that her sentence would be limited to the 279 days she has already served since the death of 8-month-old Matthew Eappen last winter.

"She was expecting to get 10 years," her younger sister Vicky told Sky News TV from the Rigger pub. "She couldn't believe it. She's so happy. She just wants to say thank you to everybody." The two sisters had spoken by phone moments after the 19-year-

old au pair had been freed and rejoined her parents. Gary and Sue Woodward, Vicky Woodward said her sister had exclaimed that, after months inside the Framingham, Mass., prison, she now could see the city of Boston, across the Charles River from Cambridge, spread out before her from her hotel room.

The trial of Louise Woodward had gripped Britain through weeks of testimony, in part because Sky News carried the case live several hours every afternoon.

The case triggered massive criticism of the American judicial system, as British viewers had difficulty comprehending US rules of evidence, the theatrics of televised courtroom proceedings and even Zobel's courtroom demeanor.

The British people quickly took sides and were outraged and disbelieving when Sunil and Deborah Eappen gave a television interview calling Woodward a murderer while the jury was deliberating.

The intensity and interest in the case escalated dramatically with the jury's verdict of second-degree murder, which almost no one here expected. Woodward's friends mounted a campaign to set her free. They received enthusiastic support from the British tabloids, which seized on the crusade.

Over the past few weeks, the Rigger pub in Elton had become an electronic village of television crews, newspaper reporters, satellite trucks and cables snaking through the parking area and into the pub. Local residents have been



Friends of Louise Woodward awaiting the verdict of her murder trial at her hometown pub in northwest England (AP)

interviewed hundreds of times by reporters from all over the world. Monday, her supporters gathered again in the Rigger, many wearing yellow T-shirts calling for Woodward's freedom, to learn what Zobel had decided.

Television watched the locals watching their newly installed computers, hoping to read the judge's decision when it flashed across the World Wide Web. But technology failed. The news arrived the old-fashioned way, delivered through speculation passed on by a television reporter, and then through official confirmation that the judge had reduced the verdict to manslaughter — but had not said anything about sentencing.

Everyone in Britain could see emotions sag in the pub as Woodward's friends realized they would have to wait another five hours for Zobel to announce the sentence.

When the ruling finally came, it seemed to take a second or two to sink in. Then there was a huge

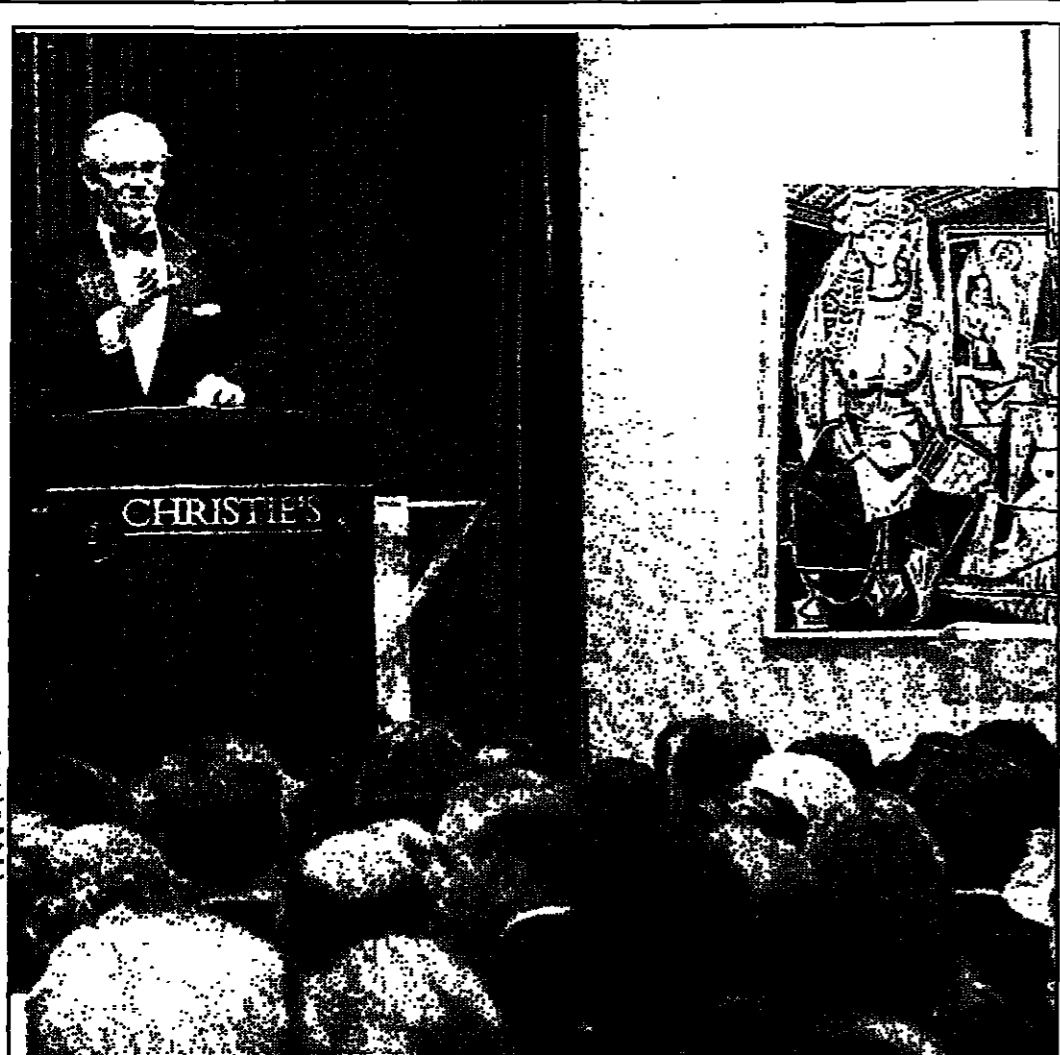
cheer in the Rigger and a sign appeared: "Thank You, Judge Zobel." Andrew Miller, the member of Parliament whose district includes Elton, quickly appeared for an interview. "We were all hopeful the judge would go this far," said the television anchor. Miller replied: "I just didn't believe he would do this."

Even in their elation, Woodward's closest supporters declared the battle is not over. "The campaign will go on to try to clear her name completely so that at the end of the day she doesn't have a criminal record," said the Rev. Ken Davey, the vicar of Elton.

Almost lost in the euphoria was the tragedy that had produced the dramatic trial and judicial rulings.

"We must never lose sight of the fact that there is a baby who died," Davey told Sky News, "and our hearts go out to the Eappen family.... All along, our prayers have been not only for Louise and the Woodward family, but also for the Eappen family."

(The Washington Post)



Peddling Picasso

The auctioneer acknowledges the raised paddle of a bidder as Pablo Picasso's 'Version O' of 'Women of Algiers' is auctioned off for \$29 million Monday night at Christie's New York. The painting was part of the renowned 20th-century collection of Victor and Sally Ganz. (AP)

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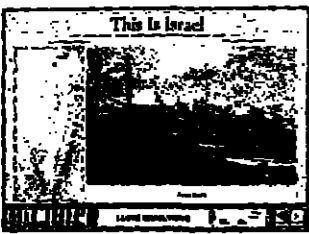
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US deletes Libya, Syria from list of drug-dealing countries

By DOUGLAS FARAH and THOMAS W. LIPPMAN

WASHINGTON (Washington Post) — US President Bill Clinton has removed Syria and Lebanon from the list of countries that play an important role in producing or shipping illegal drugs, overcoming objections from officials within the administration who argued that progress in the two countries was insufficient to merit the change.

Iowa, sharply disagreed with the decision, saying removing Syria from the list was "simply a blunder." Last week, Grassley blocked a Senate vote on four nominees to ambassadorial posts in Latin America to show his displeasure with the failure of the White House to meet a November 1 deadline for submitting the list. Once he received a copy of the letter, an aide said, Grassley released his hold on the nominees, who were confirmed Monday.

The decision is a sharp reversal from last year, when Syria was among six countries "decertified" by the US for its failure to stem the flow of illegal drugs. The decision to remove Syria and Lebanon from the list of 30 countries that are major drug producers or transshipment points means that they will not be considered for decertification when the annual process is taken up next spring.

Clinton said the decision was delayed because of the internal debate within the administration over Lebanon and Syria, which were the only countries removed this year from last year's list. "It was a long debate," one official said. "And it was not always pretty."

State Department fears retaliation

Pakistani convicted of slaying two CIA employees in '93

By ANNE GEARAN

FAIRFAX, Virginia (AP) — A Pakistani man was convicted Monday of killing two CIA employees in a shooting spree outside agency headquarters in 1993, and could receive the death penalty. A jury deliberated four hours before finding Mir Aimal Kasi guilty of one count of capital murder, another count of first-degree murder, and three counts of malicious wounding.

"In this case, there's no mystery. It's not even close — the killer, the shooter, is right there," Commonwealth's Attorney Robert Horan said, pointing to Kasi. "He was there to shoot CIA employees. He did what he went there for." Kasi's lawyers, who let closing arguments begin without presenting a case of their own, implored the jurors to maintain a presumption of Kasi's innocence and questioned police tactics in obtaining a written confession.

Eleven shots hit people, killing two and wounding three. Kasi remained a fugitive for four years, prompting an international manhunt before he was captured in a hotel in Pakistan in June. Prosecutors said Kasi confessed the shootings to FBI agents aboard a flight back to the United States after his capture, and that he again admitted to the shootings in remarks to a Virginia jailer.

US veterans too old for Veterans Day drill

By KAREN TESTA

VERO BEACH, Florida (AP) — For the first time in 51 years, there was no Veterans Day parade in Vero Beach yesterday. There were no men marching the streets with heavy rifles cradled in their arms, no old soldiers walking stoically under the weight of their nation's flag strapped at their belts.

While veterans parades in some large metropolitan areas seem to be losing their luster, celebrations have been given new life in communities such as Branson, Missouri, Birmingham, Alabama — even the nation's capital. This year, for only the second time since 1932, Washington has a Veterans Day parade.

not the warm embrace of a proud nation. And while the Gulf War restored some of the lost patriotism, that dissipated rapidly, said Chris Scheer, a spokesman for Veterans Affairs. "The legacy of Vietnam is that patriotism, overt patriotism, really wasn't in fashion for some time," Scheer said. "I think that's changing."

as long as it is strong enough to get the message to the next generations. "When we pass on, hopefully we will have taught our children and other people this is something we should always do," he said.



Chinese Premier Li Peng, right, is greeted in Tokyo on Tuesday at the start of his six-day official visit by Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto. (AP)

Chinese premier starts six-day tour of Japan

TOKYO (Reuters) — Chinese Premier Li Peng arrived in Tokyo yesterday for a six-day visit to Japan aimed at turning an often testy relationship into a working partnership. Li's visit kicked off briskly with summit talks with Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, reciprocating the latter's visit to China in early September.

Li's visit, his first since April 1989, coincides with Russian President Boris Yeltsin's official visit to China and follows shortly after Chinese President Jiang Zemin's high-profile US tour and a breakthrough in an informal Siberian summit between Hashimoto and Yeltsin.

China and Japan signed a fresh pact to replace a 1975 bilateral fisheries treaty following their ratification of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea last year, a sign that relations have become more businesslike after a noisy row last year over an island group in the East China Sea.

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But, he said, Raviv was not among the chief inciters and was not a big fish. Perry said the public discussions on Raviv's role in the assassination and what preceded it had grown out of all proportion and could hurt the GSS to the point of creating chaos in the organization.

DELEGATES

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The hall itself was an asthmatic's nightmare, with cigarette smoke so thick the eyes burned. The delegates, estimated at about 1,500, thought nothing of walking in and out during speeches and interrupting with heckling, accompanied by the flailing of arms.

MK UZI LANDAU

MK Uzi Landau jumped on a chair, as though he were a union leader, to argue in favor of doing away with the primaries, but adding that at a time-out was needed to think everything through. "No, we want to do it today," someone shouted, sparking a high-decibel exchange.

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Millennium euro-bugs

The chief executive of the software giant Novell Corp. said this week that he is really surprised at how bad the problem of the so-called millennium bug is.

The bug, or "year 2000 problem" means that many mainframe computers are unable to handle the change from 1999 to 2000 resulting in chaos to the systems they control. If, for example, a bank computer reverts to 1900, the ramifications for deposits, transfers, dated contracts or insurance policies, boggles the mind.

Column One



Thomas O'Dwyer

Their assumption was that by the time 2000 came around, 1970s computers would be in museums or junk yards.

It has come as a surprise to many of us who feel pressured to upgrade our home computers every month or be left behind in the digital rat race to learn that the programmers were wrong and that these ancient computers are still massively in use throughout industry. Estimates of the cost of fixing the millennium bug run into the hundreds of billions of dollars.

Dead beat
It all seems so unlikely that many people feel the bug is one of those media scares or urban legends spread on the Internet like a virus hoax.

But Eric Schmidt of Novell told the *International Herald Tribune* in an interview on Monday: "I have reluctantly concluded that all the press about the year 2000 problem is in fact correct." From such an expert, we can take this first global computer crisis as a fact.

Fixing it is even more problematic because, as Schmidt said, many of the original programmers "are literally dead" and no one uses their ancient program languages any more.

Long retired programmers have landed an unexpected Golden Age bonanza by being hauled out of their rose gardens to reprogram the still-existent dinosaur machines. A friend in Dublin recently chuckled down the phone about £1,000 (nearly NIS 5,000) a day he was being paid for writing debug programs.

But Schmidt made an interesting point no one else seems to have noticed - that the millennium bug is coupled with the euro, the European Union's new common currency, which is to be launched a year earlier.

It sounds like yet another ominous note in the many discordant noises dogging Europe's march to the golden horizon of a shared currency. Schmidt said that the euro and the millennium bug could not have coincided at a worse time from the perspective of the information technologies (his industry) because they will

drain "a lot of funds from a lot of other things."

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Other American information industry chiefs have for long complained that Europe has now fallen badly behind much of the rest of the world in developing these technologies.

Even emerging countries are advancing more rapidly than Europe in this field by leap-frogging intermediate development stages and, for example, installing fiber-optic lines and digital technology rather than copper lines and click-clack telephone exchanges.

American visitors to some European countries are amazed by the lack of those Internet facilities which now are ubiquitous in the United States. This is a sure sign of low public awareness of the information technology revolution, and it is reflected upwards into laggardly industries.

Surprisingly though, there are few prophets of doom in the European Union, although there is plenty of grumbling and a lot of heated arguments. Europe's ability to confound simplistic American analyses with its own complex and logic-defying solutions is legendary historic fact.

Last year, the American business media seemed to be forming a view of Europe as a stagnant dusty museum - a picturesque and nostalgic place for North Americans to visit as they hurried onward to feed the Asian tigers with juicy investment steaks.

Not bugged
Now the tigers are looking scrawny and the EU, for all its alleged "industrial backwardness," is looking pretty sleek. All its major economies are picking up nicely and gliding like an elegant European car into the fast lane.

Esoteric discussions do rage on, ignored by a largely uncomprehending and yet uninterested public as the euro currency, set to rival the imperial US dollar, marches nearer. Such issues as the level at which European exchange rates will be fixed ahead of the creation of the euro do not make for light reading. Most decisions on monetary union are already made, even if plenty more controversy looms.

The serious cloud on the EU horizon remains 11 percent unemployment, even as export-driven growth picks up for what economists are calling a "jobless recovery."
Europe already spends so much on social welfare and high unemployment benefits that there is no cash to spare for major job-creation schemes. Most of the unemployed are comfortable enough not to bother looking for jobs unless they pay far more than the generous benefits. This is going to be the EU's real millennium bug.

Unfortunately, there are no wise old economists to pull out of retirement to fix it.

Dammed if you do

China's \$29 billion effort to rechart the Yangtze River, burying over a thousand villages in the process, has become the world's most controversial construction project

By STEVEN MUFSON

SANDOUPING, China - Here at what was once a scenic but treacherous bend in the first of the Yangtze River's legendary Three Gorges, the Chinese government inched closer Saturday to realizing a vision that combines ambition worthy of pyramid-building Pharaohs with the destructiveness of open pit-coal mining.

As China's President Jiang Zemin and Premier Li Peng watched through binoculars from a temporary reviewing stand on a gash in the ravaged shoreline, teams of drivers - most behind the wheels of giant Caterpillar dump trucks - pitched load after load of granite boulders into the voracious water to complete a man-made barrier and block the Yangtze's main channel.

The plugging of the world's third-longest river at its steepest and most perilous point marked a major - and some critics fear irreversible - step forward in the construction of the controversial Three Gorges Dam.

The hydropower project, which will be the world's largest, is expected to cost at least \$29 billion, tower 610 feet over the current river surface, span 6,600 feet and create a reservoir that will force more than 1.2 million people from their homes.

National television broadcast live the final stage in building the temporary barrier that will shield the dam work site from the river, a task that makes the parting of the Red Sea seem simple by comparison.

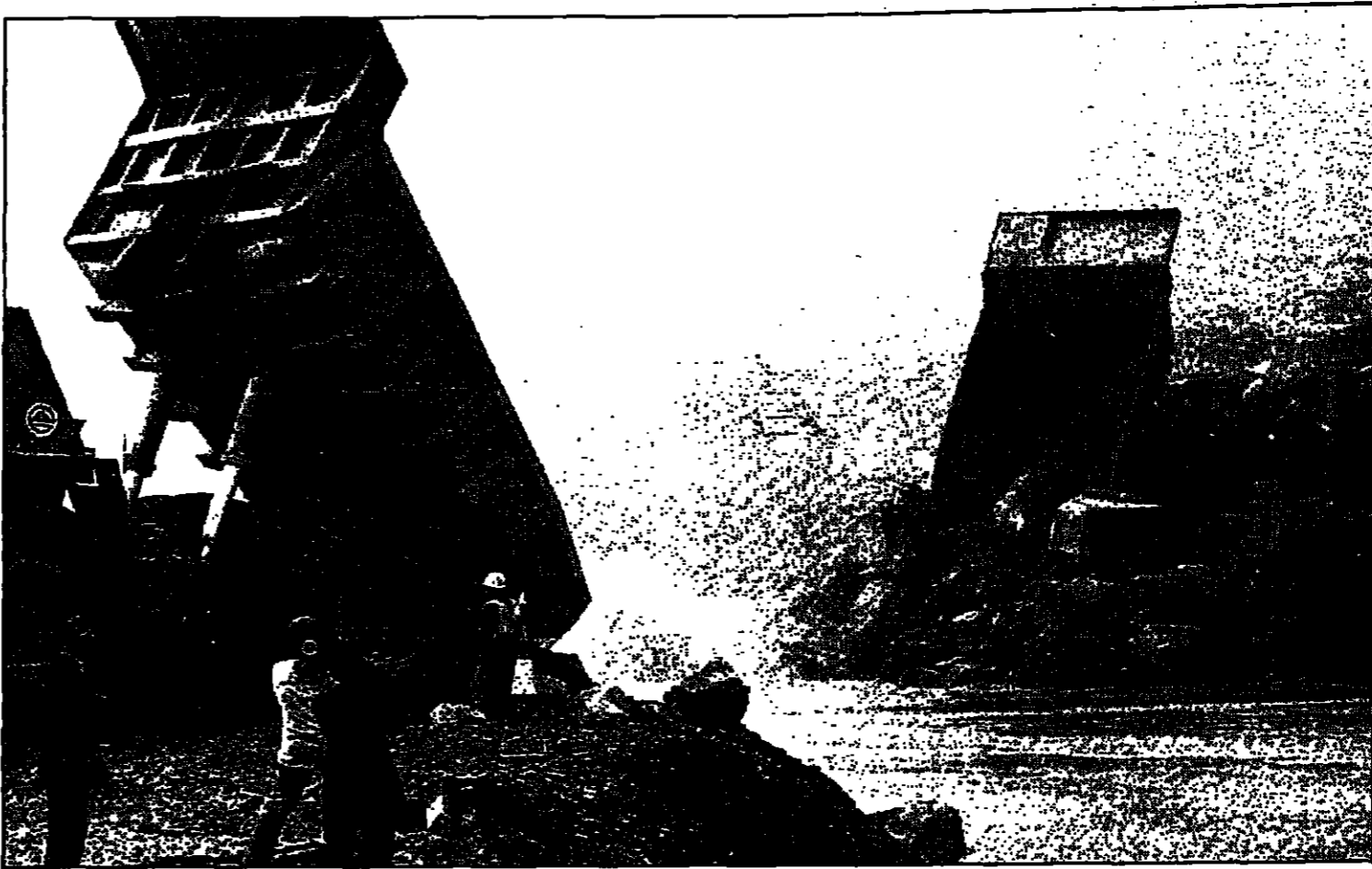
For six and a half hours, a procession of oversized earth movers - 118 per hour - dropped 45-ton and 77-ton loads of rock and gravel into a 33-foot gap in the barrier. At 3:15 p.m., when the pool of water below the barrier grew still and the river above turned to join the water flowing through a temporary diversion channel, fireworks went off, ship horns blared, cheers went up from thousands of spectators on the shoreline and the brass band from the Navy's engineering institute struck up "Song for the Motherland."

Jiang hailed the event as "a remarkable feat in the history of mankind to reshape and exploit natural resources" and said it "embodies the great industrious and dauntless spirit of the Chinese nation." And though Li didn't make a speech, the day marked a victory for the premier, a Soviet-trained hydrologic engineer who has championed the dam project for more than a decade.

Despite Saturday's milestone, the wisdom of building the dam remains the subject of debate. When completed in 2009, Three Gorges will generate 18,200 megawatts of power, 50 percent more than South America's Itaipu dam, which is the largest dam in the world.

In the United States, the Grand Coulee Dam on the Columbia River in Washington state generates 6,800 megawatts of power.

The Three Gorges dam project will form a reservoir 412 miles long and inundate an area seven times the size of the District of Columbia.



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The reservoir will bury 13 cities, 140 towns, 1,352 villages and about 650 factories. It will raise the water level by 577 feet, submerging hundreds of ancient archaeological sites and much of the base of the granite and limestone cliffs that line the gorges and are among China's greatest tourist attractions.

The dam's supporters call it a triumph of human determination and ingenuity, crucial for controlling lethal floods and generating clean, much-needed energy for China's populous Yangtze River valley, where a third of China's 1.2 billion people live. Whereas trackers on the river banks once strained on ropes to help boats up the river, the dam will enable ocean-going ships to travel 1,500 miles inland to the city of Chongqing.

Citing floods that have killed tens of thousands of people in the Yangtze River valley three times this century, Guo Shuyang, an official of the Three Gorges Project, said, "We will spend big money to solve big problems."

Critics, however, call the dam a mammoth folly, a triumph of human ego and political showmanship over reason, and an environmental catastrophe that will neither stop floods nor solve the region's development problems. Moreover, some hydrologists say the Yangtze's heavy load of sediment and its shifting floor of gravel will hamper the dam's turbines, fill the bottom of the reservoir and cause even worse flooding.

The Three Gorges Project is not a hydro-electric engineering project. It is a political project exhibiting all the characteristics of a centrally controlled socialist econom-

ic system," said Dai Qing, a journalist and leading critic of the dam. Charging that the government has suppressed negative information about the project, Dai said, "There is no freedom to express opposition to this project in China."

Amid the controversy, one thing is certain: the dam is big. A mountain has been reduced to rubble to make way for ship locks. Workers look like ants from the nearby road as dump trucks rumble by, carrying rocky soil away.

Work on the dam has proceeded quickly, which critics say is an attempt by Li Peng to bring the project to a point of no return before his term expires next March. Now that the river has been blocked, project managers here say they are in another race: to build up the temporary dam and beat the spring rains.

Though construction started less than three years ago, the Three Gorges dam was proposed in 1919 by Nationalist leader Sun Yat-sen. In 1944, J.L. Savage, chief design engineer of the US Bureau of Reclamation, surveyed the area and drew up a dam proposal. More than 50 Chinese engineers and technicians were then sent to the US for training. The American involvement later inspired the 1956 John Hersey novel *A Single Pebble*, about the voyage up the Yangtze by a young American engineer seeking a dam site.

After the Communist takeover in 1949, Communist leader Mao Zedong supported the dam proposal. But economic disaster during Mao's Great Leap Forward and the tumultuous Cultural Revolution slowed plans for the dam.

During the 1980s, plans for the dam were revived. In 1992, Li Peng pushed it through the National People's Congress, although the proposal drew a record level of abstentions and dissenting votes.

Current project supporters argue that the dam would provide a vital source of energy. Its 26 turbines would generate enough electricity to offset annual consumption of 40 million to 50 million tons of coal, or the equivalent of 10 nuclear power stations the size of the China's Daya Bay plants or seven big coal thermal power stations.

Throughout the Communist era, the government has mooted dissenting views on the dam. In 1958, after Mao ended the brief liberal Hundred Flowers period, engineers who had criticized the Three Gorges Dam project were publicly condemned and sent to labor camps. During the spring of 1989, when student-led protesters rallied in Tiananmen Square, journalist Dai published *Yangtze, Yangtze*, a book of essays opposing the project. After the crackdown on protesters, Dai was jailed for 10 months and the book was banned.

Huang Wanli, 86, a professor emeritus at Qinghua University, was one of the engineers sent to a labor camp in 1958. Huang, a graduate of Cornell University in 1935 and the University of Illinois in 1937, says the project engineers have ignored the thick layers of gravel and sand on the river's bedrock and moving slowly downstream. When combined with the 540 million tons of silt suspended in the water every year, the gravel and sand will collect at

the bottom of the reservoir and overwhelm any dredging effort, Huang said.

"The deposition of 100 million tons per year of cobble and gravel will certainly block Chongqing harbor, inundate the land upstream and, because of the suddenness of a large flood that transports excessive sediment, threaten great loss of life," said Huang, who favors the diversion of water to flood plains, the reinforcement of dikes and smaller hydropower projects on Yangtze tributaries.

Such outspokenness is unusual. "Many important people have kept silent about this highly politicized project because their positions in the Communist Party do not depend on merit but on how much they are favored by the leaders," said Dai.

One taboo: the floods of August 1975. The extent of the damage then remains a state secret. But Human Rights Watch/Asia discovered limited edition technical books and articles that suggest that tens of thousands of people died when 62 small and medium-sized dams collapsed in Henan Province. The collapse of the biggest, Banqiao Dam, unleashed a wall of water that sped down the surrounding valleys and obliterated communities.

Project officials here said Friday that past experiences and critiques have been studied and taken into account. And Saturday, the main theme was bursting pride. "This proves vividly once again that socialism is superior in being capable of concentrating resources to do big jobs," Jiang said. (The Washington Post)

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Local Oscar nominations: 'Afula Express' leads the pack

By HELEN KAYE

The five top contenders among 14 entries in this year's Israel Film Academy Awards are *Afula Express* with 11 nominations, and *Mr. Baum*, *The Dybbuk*, and *The Milky Way*, with 10 each. *Minoaur* trails with six. And a film that has not been nominated for Best Picture, *There Are No Names on the Doors*, has five nominations including Best Actor, and Best Supporting Actor, and Actress.

The first three named above are neck and neck for the six big awards - Best Picture, Director, Actress, Supporting actor/ress and Screenplay. Most of the nominated films haven't yet been screened, but Tel-Ad will attempt to show at least excerpts over the next two weeks.

For the first time in its eight-year history, the awards ceremony will not be at the Mann Auditorium but at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center. They'll be broadcast live on November 19 from 9:15 p.m. on Channel 2.

There is NIS 300,000 worth of prizes (as well as the statuette) to be distributed among the winners in 16 categories.

Highlights of the evening, hosted by Gidi Gov, include the pre-

sentation of a Lifetime Achievement Award to actress Gila Almagor.

Assi Dayan's *Mr. Baum*, a black comedy about the last 92 minutes in the life of an importer of sunglasses, has already won Best Picture at the Haifa Film Festival. Dayan is also nominated for Best Director and Best Actor.

As well as the big six awards, *Afula Express* noses ahead with Yuval Shafir nominated for Best Score in this gentle comedy about a boy from Afula who dreams of the big time as a magician.

For once in his career, multiple Academy Award winner Moshe Ivgy isn't nominated for anything in director Yossi Zomer's *The Dybbuk*, a contemporary version of the Anski classic set in Jerusalem's Mea She'arim quarter. The nominees are actress Ayelet Zorer, actor Yehezkel Lazerov, supporting actor Alon Dahan, and actress Orna Porat.

The Milky Way, a love story set in an Arab village in Galilee, gets a double nomination for Best Director and Screenplay for Ali Nasser, also the film's producer, as well as Best Actor, Supporting Actor and Actress for Subal Hadad, Makram Khouri and Amal Morkos, respectively.

Minoaur, a psychological thriller about a Mossad agent and the woman of his dreams, doesn't seem to have had a director.

Never mind, veteran filmmaker Dan Turgeman is one of the producers, the lead and the scriptwriter, so he must have had some input. *Minoaur* makes up the rest of its nominations in categories such as Mili Avital for Best Actress and David Gurfunkel for Best Photography.

This year, for the first time, the television awards will be divided between dramas and dramatic series. The five shortlisted from the 21 submitted are: *Marrupan Lady*, *My Eyes*, *Shuli's Guy*, *Line 300* and *Galilee Song*. Eleven series were in contention, with *A Detective in Jerusalem*, *Bar Yam - New York*, *The Yarkon Sector*, *Hafuch* and *Florentine* making the top five. The top five of the 48 documentaries entered are: *Emil Habibi: I Stayed in Haifa*, *Jenny and Jenny*, *Mother's First Olympics*, *Out to Find Love*... *Back Soon*, and *Sane, Not Sane*...

This year is also the first time that the contestants in each category have been shortlisted.

The awards are sponsored by, among others, Tel-Ad, the Tel Aviv Municipality, and the Ministry of Education and Sport.

The Magic of Feuermann

CLASSIC DISCS

By Michael Abramowitz

Emanuel Feuermann (1902-1942) is one of the finest cellists of all time and his disc on the Magic Talent label (CD 48025) is a pure delight, revealing his warmth of tone and versatility as a musician. This one-hour disc features recordings of miniature cello pieces recorded between 1927 and 1939. There are some very well-known pieces like the Schumann *Träumerei* or Bach's *Ave Maria* and Rimsky-Korsakov's Hindu song from *Sadko*, as well as a delightful Spanish dance by Granados and works by Giordani, Valensin, Cui and others. In many of these short works, Feuermann is accompanied by Michael Taube, who for many years was a regular conductor of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

His rendition of the Brahms first cello sonata is one of the more evocative recordings of the sonata I have heard in a long time - deep, mature, exhilarating and, most important, sincere.

Feuermann, who was born in Galicia, studied the cello with his father and made his recital debut in Vienna in 1912.

His official debut with the Vienna Philharmonic came in February 1914, playing the Haydn cello concerto under Felix Weingartner.

At 16, he was appointed to the faculty of the Gurzenich Conservatory in Cologne, where he was the first cellist in the orchestra as well as a member of the Bram Eldering Quartet. A typical review from the time praises his "unlimited technique... the intensity of his timbre... in turn warmly dreaming and ecstatically temperamental."

He began recording in 1925 and ultimately made close to 80 records. He was forced to leave Germany once the Nazis came to power.

Feuermann had very specific ideas about music in general. He once said, when asked about talent, that "as in driving a car, so much has to be done at the same time that it seems impossible that it could ever be done mechanically, without deliberating about each movement beforehand."

"What is talent - desire to make sounds? Desire to create something beautiful? Vanity? A longing for something inexpressible? The fingers? The powers of concentration? Talent is composed of many talents and is dependent on fate. One likes serious music, another likes lighter music; one likes classical, the other modern."

"Speaking of the purely physical aspects, one may have a better left hand, the other a better right; one may have faster fingers, yet many have difficulties with trills; and staccato and spiccato are accomplished differently by each player."

"The greater the talent, the greater the number of these qualifications the performer will be able to accumulate."



Dorit Lev Ari is nominated for Best Supporting Actress for 'There Are No Names on the Doors.'

Film industry finances

Actually," says Academy member and film journalist Shlomo Papirblat acidly, "the best film of the year is a horror movie called *Natan's Ax*." He means Trade and Industry Minister Natan Sharansky, who "has worked with might and main this whole year to distance his office from the film industry and has done us incalculable harm."

It is no secret that the Israeli film industry is seriously underfunded. A program to create a \$50 million revolving venture capital film fund fell by the wayside as a result of

the Likud victory in the 1996 elections. Academy head Israel Ringel says, "We will continue to push for the passage of the Film Law, which will include funds from the proceeds of the national lottery."

Meanwhile, said Academy board member Yossi Oren, Trade and Industry's NIS 6-7m, which went to the Quality Film Board, was picked up by the Education Ministry, "but only about 50 percent of the promised funds have arrived, which means that about seven projects are held up. We'll see the results next year." -H.K.

The heart and the soul of Shlomo Carlebach

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

On Sunday, Shlomo Carlebach devotes around the world will commemorate the third anniversary of the death of the singing rabbi who was one of the great pioneers of Jewish outreach.

The date will also coincide with the US release of his last album, *Haneshama shel Shlomo*, featuring 13 of his best-known melodies recorded with his elder daughter, Neshama. The disc is due for local release soon. Had it not been for a drawn-out legal wrangle, it would have been released much sooner. But it took two years of litigation before Neshama was able to get the tape from the recording technician.

It was just one of many nightmares which she, her sister Dori, and their mother Neila experienced in their relationships with some of Shlomo Carlebach's followers.

"Because I'm Shlomo's daughter, some religious men feel they have the right to take advantage of me," Neshama told *The Jerusalem Post*. "If I was Shlomo's son, it would be different. Even his *hevra* think they have more rights to my father than his legal heirs do."

There was no contradiction from her fiancé, Daniel Richman, whose parents became Carlebach followers before they were married. A science student at York University, Richman, who spent much of his childhood at Meor Modi'im, the moshav founded by Shlomo Carlebach, has known Neshama all her life and is only too familiar with the battle which she and her family are waging against those who seek to profit from tapes and notes they made of her father's singing and teaching.

Neshama's singing style is a synthesis of Jewish and universal soul music. Her body language runs the gamut from dreamy to sultry and provocative.

"My father was a whole religious experience," she explained. "For me it's not so much that because I'm a performer. I feel my father was limited because he was a rabbi. He didn't perform for the sake of performing but to get his rabbinical message across."

At 22 years of age, Neshama Carlebach has the poise and professionalism of a seasoned trouper. She deliberately chose the double meaning title for the album. Her name means "soul" in Hebrew, so the title can be interpreted either as "Shlomo's daughter" (Neshama) or "the Soul of Shlomo."



Neshama Carlebach's new disc features 13 of her father's most famous melodies. (Sarit Uziel)

Neshama has given scores of performances in Canada where she lives, the United States, Europe and Israel.

When she came here from Poland in mid-May, after having been the song leader for the March of the Living, she had no concert plans. But when word got out that she was in the country, she was snapped up by Israel Television, the Pargod Theater, and several other outlets. There wasn't enough time during the month that she was here to take advantage of all the radio, television and concert offers she received.

In Poland she taught her group the *Cracov Niggun*, written by her father. "I taught it to them in the Alte Schul. It was the best experience in my life."

Career-wise, her first love was acting. A humanities student at York University in Toronto, she spent her first two years there studying acting and theater. Her first public appearance as a singer was in Arizona when she was 15. She had been studying singing for two years but had always been shy about performing in front of her father. When she finally mustered the courage, he was enchanted. While giving a concert in Arizona, he announced to the audience that Neshama would also sing. After that, they frequently sang together. Two weeks before he died, they recorded the album which the family has labored so hard to produce.

Has the fact that she's Shlomo Carlebach's daughter been a help or a hindrance to her career? "No one has ever asked me that," she said. "I'll have to think about it."

She wouldn't have had the same passion for his music if it wasn't her father's, she conceded. "I think I would have stayed in acting. My calling is different than his." But the fact that she immersed herself in perpetuating his music helped her to cope with his death. "It's been a mourning experience but it's also been therapeutic." The mission which she took upon herself has given her new insights, inspiring her to think about how she can bring holiness to what she's doing.

Her immediate ambition is to adapt her father's songs into English - "but I don't know if it will work. I've been talking to a lot of people in America and they say if only it was in English, it would be more accessible." She's not sure that she would translate the lyrics, which are all taken from holy texts. She might create new lyrics which would retain the spir-

it of the original but would go over better in English than a translation. She has already added some English songs by Seth Glass to her repertoire and is very enthusiastic about them.

As important as it is to her to continue singing her father's songs, she understands that sooner or later she has to find her own path. Glass is a significant stepping stone in that direction.

While her father had limitations as a rabbi, Neshama has limitations as a woman. Many Orthodox men who observe the prohibition against listening to a woman singing will not attend her concerts. But she received the approval of Rabbi Mordechai Tendler, the grandson of the great halachic authority Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, to sing in front of men. Tendler, a noted authority in his own right, has been her spiritual mentor since her father died.

"Some men with *shreimlech* come to listen to me sing," she said. "They say they come to my concerts because I move them. *Kol isha* is not a law but a custom."

Soft-spoken and affectionate like her father, Neshama is more determined and manages to get her own way without raising her voice. During her last visit here, at an ITV recording session for *This Month*, she asked for a sound monitor because she couldn't hear herself. The television crew tried to talk her out of it. She didn't throw any tantrums; she didn't scream or shout; she just asked again and explained that she

wouldn't be able to do her best if they couldn't accommodate her. They did. She gave a better performance than she had without the monitor and they applauded her.

Although she has broken some Orthodox taboos, Neshama does not class herself as an Orthodox feminist. "I'm very much into equality, not necessarily feminism," she explained.

The release of *Haneshama shel Shlomo* is a milestone for Neshama in that it marks "the end of an era." It is an important tribute to her father, and it means that she can now start concentrating on her own career and her own needs.

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Dancing to the same tune

No one seems particularly worried by the all-singing and dancing visit of Russian President Boris Yeltsin to President Jiang Zemin in China. Quite the contrary – now that the racist old ghosts of red menace and yellow peril have been laid to rest, the solution of the long-standing border conflict between Russia and China removes one more niggling danger point from a world that's dangerous enough, even without a Cold War. Both leaders deserve praise and congratulations for declaring their frontier problems over, the first such declaration since their sporadic border wars, often fought on river ice floes, in the 1960s.

The dispute was supposed to have been settled by a 1991 agreement. In this both sides actually mapped out the whole 4,300 km of frontier for the first time in the hundreds of years they have fought over its complex meanderings. The accord was loudly trumpeted at the time as historic and final, but has been tied up in legalistic wrangles and sniping ever since. The joint declaration of this week's summit – only their fifth, surprisingly enough – has laid the matter to rest at long last, say the leaders. The rest of the world fervently hopes so, this time.

On a more practical level, the two giant countries have agreed to try improving their extraordinarily low level of trade via a \$12 billion pipeline to bring gas from Siberia to China. For Jiang, the Russian's visit is his second foreign policy coup in as many weeks, following up his "strategic cooperation" agreement with the United States with these "constructive cooperation" accords with Moscow.

Yeltsin's motivation for going to China is more complicated and is undoubtedly tied to his developing ideas of replacing the former bipolar world of East-West domination with a multilateral one. The aim of this, of course, is to undermine the status of the US as the only superpower and, in Russian eyes, the self-styled leader of the world.

Coming so soon after Jiang's important visit to Washington, the trip (although undoubtedly planned long ago) seemed almost designed to make it clear Russian will muscle in on any double-act power play by President Bill Clinton. This is not necessarily done in any unfriendly fashion – it is rather a continuing affirmation that Russia remains an important country. Russia, too, has missed out somewhat in the fast-moving economic developments of the Asian region and Yeltsin is quite right in suggesting that Russia deserves a bigger role there. His trip to China came a week after Japan's Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto

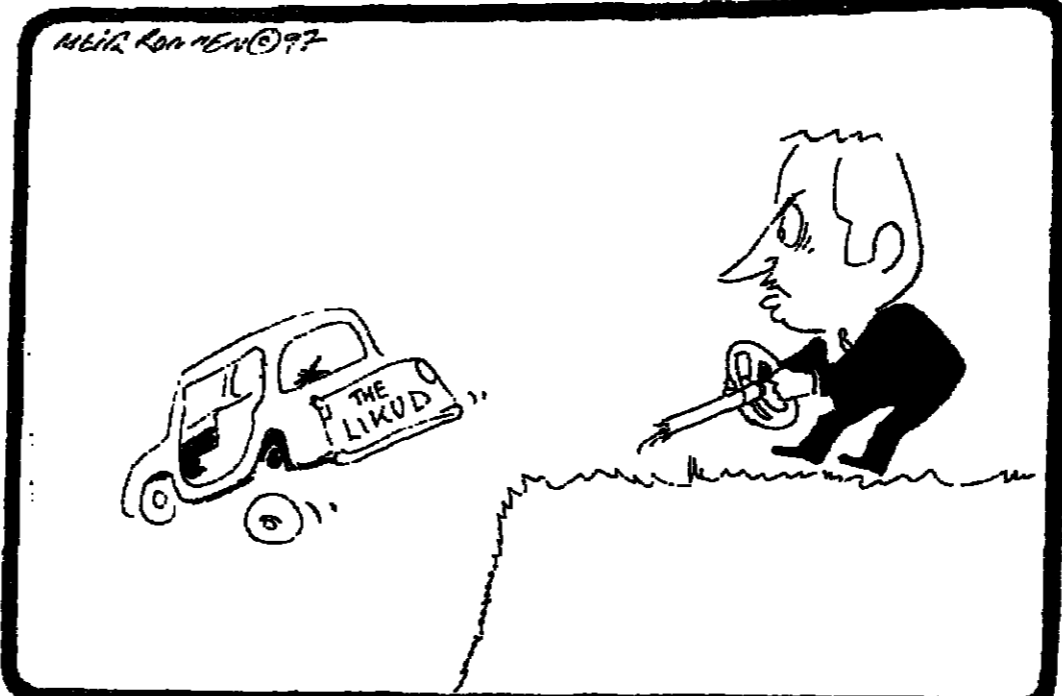
traveled to meet Yeltsin in Siberia. Russians at home, however, seem weary of big-power politics and the pretensions that go with them. Most media commentators were unimpressed by the bear hugs, off-key singing, and chatter about the grandchildren the two presidents shared, but zeroed in on the stagnant bilateral trade between these two neighbors.

The total trade of \$7 billion between these two giants with their huge populations cannot be described as anything but lamentable. Several hundred existing, but mainly unimplemented, agreements were supposed to hoist this volume to a still-modest \$20 billion by the end of the decade. (Chinese trade with Japan is around \$60b. a year and with the US around \$50b.) Though grievances were not aired publicly, Russians also resent some restrictive Chinese trade practices, which keep out many Russian exports.

Behind all the supposedly concrete political, strategic, and economic agreements, the two powers that physically dominate so much of the globe remain paper tigers – long on documents and short on implementation. The gas-pipeline project will be the first serious test of solid progress between Moscow and Beijing. Under the plan – still a draft merely initiated by the principals – Siberian gas would flow to China's east coast and on to South Korea and Japan for an initial 30 years.

Russia needs a success story on the Chinese economic front. It was recently humiliated by failing to win an key international tender to supply the generators for the colossal Three Gorges Dam project on the Yangtze River. Russian officials offer no excuses as to why they fail in helping to supply China's great development programs – Russian companies simply lack modern professionalism in dealing with the Chinese, whom they have long considered backward. Now it is Russia that looks backward and loses the juicy contracts China is awarding.

It was clear the dismal economic situation would not go away as Yeltsin yesterday took his handwagon to the industrialized city of Harbin, with the declared intention of jump-starting moribund cross-border trade. Lively and diverse trade was for centuries the plus side of the Russia-China border wrangles, from the Silk Route in the South to the diverse back-and-forth buying and selling of the North. Crushed by latter day tariffs, taxes, and bureaucracy, it stands at a measly billion dollars a year. Yeltsin said he is "very happy" economic ties are getting better with China. His happiness seems to everyone else both premature and exaggerated.



The Qatar boycott

MOSHE ZAK

Shortly before he died, Sir Isaiah Berlin jokingly said in an interview with the London journal Prospect, "I try not to read things I agree with, because they bore me."

There are not many people like him. Others like to hear the same things twice or three times, as we saw last week in rallies, conferences, lectures, speeches, statements and radio and television interviews. The connotation surrounding the old subjects obscures the new trend in the Middle Eastern power struggle and the choice now facing the Arab world: plans for economic development, which will be the focus of the conference in Qatar next week, and Islamic unity, which will be the keyword of the congress in Teheran next month.

The American administration has accepted the excuses of certain Arab leaders who made their participation in the Qatar conference conditional on Israeli concessions to the Palestinians. This narrow perspective on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict ignores the true motives impelling Arab leaders to prefer Teheran over Qatar, in spite of the hatred and tension that have characterized relations between the Arab countries and the Islamic republic in Iran.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was even quoted as saying that if the Qatar congress fails, it will be Benjamin Netanyahu's fault for not having made gestures to the Palestinians that could have influenced the Arab countries in attendance at Doha. This half-baked claim is intended as a signal to Netanyahu before their meeting in London on Friday.

In fact neither the delay in the execution of the second stage of the IDF withdrawal from Judea and Samaria, as demanded by the Palestinians, nor the time-out in settling construction called for by all of the Arabs, is the reason for the minimal Arab participation in the conference.

The reason can be found in the attempt by Moslem countries in the region to fill the vacuum left by the Soviet Union since its dissolution. Iran, like Iraq, is attempting to take Russia's place as a counter-balance to American supremacy in this area. Before the invasion of Kuwait, Saddam Hussein urged the Arab countries to unite against US domination, so that it could not dictate oil prices.

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in the future. But while Iraq justifies itself in terms of a war against economic domination, Iran emphasizes the ideological motive of the "war against Satan."

The tendency in Arab countries is to prefer the rhetoric of Islamic fundamentalism: expected at the Teheran gathering to the economic benefits likely to stem from the Qatar conference. This is because they suffer from Islamic fundamentalist terrorism and they imagine that appealing Iran, the paymaster of Islamic terrorism in Arab countries, is likely to curb this threat. The Saudi foreign minister announced his government's decision after meeting his Iranian counterpart who visited Jeddah on Monday.

If the Arab leaders felt that courting Iran and preferring Teheran to Qatar was liable to harm them economically; to be

precise, to endanger the economic aid they receive from the US, they might think twice before provoking President Clinton by capsizing the economic conference that the Americans initiated. But for some reason they are confident that the US will turn the other cheek, and not reduce the generous aid it provides them.

Saddam Hussein's challenge to American domination in the region, rather than Israel's refusal to perform immediately the second redeployment, is the motive behind the Arab countries' demonstration of independence from the US.

They have proved this in two ways:

In spite of American pleas, the Arab countries have not given up their demand for an emergency session of the UN General Assembly to discuss Israeli settlements in Judea and Samaria and Israel's construction work at Har Homa in Jerusalem.

Secondly, although they know that the success of the Qatar conference is a test of American prestige, they have mostly criticized it and declared a boycott.

It is not clear whether the full boycott will last until the conference's opening date. But the Arab euphoria at saying "No" to the Americans accelerates both their statements and their demands.

In fact, the immediate execution of the second redeployment will interfere with progress in the negotiations on the permanent settlement with the Palestinians, negotiations recommended by Henry Kissinger this week. Israel's bargaining power for a territorial compromise on the lines of the Allon plan will be reduced after most of the territories are in Palestinian hands following the second redeployment. In the final analysis the essence of the negotiations is achieving peace, not ensuring withdrawal.

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What words mean

RUTHIE BLUM

The consensus among Left, Right and Center these days is that words can kill. Language, we believe, is a powerful tool at best, and a dangerous weapon at worst. As such, word-usage should be weighed and monitored by all. Particularly those of us for whom the pen or the platform provide our livelihood.

In this context, a word couplet which has become an integral part of our collective vocabulary deserves special attention: "peace process." This is the idiom commonly used to refer to, to be synonymous with, and to define the Oslo Accords.

The sentiment that the bullet which killed Israel's prime minister two years ago should not be allowed to kill the peace process inspired an estimated 200,000 mourners to swarm to the rally in Tel Aviv on Saturday night. High above the mass of heads, "Save the Peace" banners waved alongside posters of the murdered premier. From the podium, Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak promised not to "let the peace fire die." From the same podium, former prime minister Shimon Peres promised not to "cease tilting the people that peace is possible..."

Now, as far as terminology goes, to say that a bullet killed Yitzhak Rabin is accurate. This is why Yigal Amir – the man who fired the shot – will spend the rest of his life in prison. But to bemoan a waning peace process is to embrace a misnomer. For, calling the Oslo Accords a "peace process" is like calling the signing of a ketuba a "love process." The latter may or may not have begun prior to the former, and may or may not evolve subsequent to it. The former is part of the process – the part which seals the deal – but is not inherent in the latter.

The Oslo Accords, like weddings, are contractual agreements. That they were signed by two parties tells us nothing more about

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the nature of the process than a wedding band reveals about the nature of a couple's marriage.

Peace, as defined by another assassinated leader, John F. Kennedy, is "a daily, a weekly, a monthly process, gradually changing opinions, slowly eroding old barriers, quietly building new structures." Not a Merriam-Webster formulation, perhaps, but one which few Israelis would dispute.

Whether it would be disputed by Palestinians is unclear. What is certain is that it bears no resemblance whatsoever to the Palestinian Authority's definition of the Oslo Accords.

In an interview which appeared in the PA weekly *Al-Bilad* last Thursday, PA Legislative Council member Jamal Shati described the Accords as follows: "...the Oslo agreement is not a Palestinian choice and not a historic reconciliation between the Palestinian people and the Israeli occupation... I viewed [it] as a stage that was forced on us... The Palestinian people accepted it as a stage toward the fulfillment of the Palestinian national plan which is expressed in the [right of] return, self-determination and the establishment of a Palestinian state with its capital in Jerusalem..."

SO maybe lexicography wasn't Kennedy's forte. But no thesaurus I can think of would classify the following statement – made by Arafat to a group of Arab diplomats in Stockholm two years after signing the Oslo Accords – as having the same meaning as "peace process":

"You understand that we plan to eliminate the State of Israel and establish a purely Palestinian state. Jews will not want to live among us Arabs... I have no use for Jews... We now need all the help we can get from you in our battle for a united Palestine under total Arab-Muslim domination!"

Linguistically speaking, those of us weeping at the prospect of a dead peace process can put away the tissues. Something which was never alive cannot die, any more than love which never existed can be lost.

If words can kill, they most surely can mislead. Instead of engaging in hair-splitting debates over the meaning of such words as "incitement" and "unity," we would do well to note the unambiguous language being used by the signers of the contract we've spent the last four years cloaking in euphemism.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UNFAIR DUTY

Sir, – As far as I know ambulances are not required to pay duty when sent to Israel, but this is apparently not the case with ambulances for animals. My friend Dr. Murry J. Cohen writes me from Annandale, Virginia in the US that after he, and his wife Mrs. Nina Natelson collected money for the purchase and equipment of an animal ambulance, Israel's Customs and Excise require him to pay \$40,000 in duty

before it can enter Israel. It seems to me grossly unfair that animals should suffer and die on the streets of Israel because of the misplaced zeal of a customs official. If any reader can suggest a solution, he or she are welcome to send Dr. Cohen a fax at (703) 941-6132 in the US.

SOLVIEG WAGNER

Dronninglund, Denmark.

NEGATIVE ATTITUDE

Sir, – American Jews are shifting toward a negative attitude toward Israel. This has been confirmed by the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, reporting that American Jewish attitudes about financial support for Israel are undergoing major shifts.

Funds for Israel are already being diverted to local Jewish institutions in America. This is in no way considered to be retribution or vengeance.

They simply do not believe Israel is a worthwhile cause anymore.

The American Jew even stands accused of not being a Jew, or at least not being Jewish enough in and for Israel. Israelis can stew in this paradoxical situation they themselves have created.

Israel has forgotten that it was due to these (Diaspora) Jews that the War of Independence was won and the state established.

JENNIFER PATON

Ramat Gan.

SAMUEL BOSHER

Tel Aviv.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On November 12, 1937, *The Palestine Post* reported that two Arabs were killed and five were wounded by the bomb which exploded in their midst behind the National Bus Company offices in Jerusalem. A curfew was imposed on the city. The body of an Arab was found near Sanhedria.

of having their own plan accepted. Claiming that the recent bombing of its press by political opponents showed that "the Arabs of Palestine had no choice but to ask the Arab States to protect them from themselves," the Jaffa weekly *Nid et-Ard* reappeared for the first time since the attack on its building. Black borders framed its front page in "mourning" for the freedom in our country.

from Delhi and Bombay to Jewish individuals and companies in Britain.

Maj.-Gen. Yitzhak Hafi, Commanding Officer Northern Command, said that the IDF had a new policy in the northern sector of hitting Syrian army positions and not just terrorist bases. Arab political observers expressed the opinion that the US would exert pressure on Israel in a bid to bring about a breakthrough in the Middle East stalemate.

Two Israeli civilians were wounded at Nablus when an explosive charge ripped through their car there. A curfew was imposed on the area.

Prime Minister Golda Meir described France's policy of delivering Mirage warplanes to Libya as "incomprehensible."

Alexander Zvielli

50 years ago: On November 12, 1947, *The Palestine Post* reported that plans for an all-out drive to raise half-a-million pounds for security before December 31, 1947, were outlined at the Va'ad Leumi meeting in Jerusalem. Gershon Agron, the founder and editor of *The Palestine Post*, gave a brief report on the proceedings at Lake Success, and said that Arab strategy aimed to destroy the Partition Plan because the Arabs despaired

How to stop car theft

URIEL LYNN

One of the ways the powers-that-be prefer to shun responsibility is to say that the law needs amending. At any rate, this was one of the arguments used by the police to explain the outrageous and constant growth of car thefts, during a Knesset discussion of the possibility of further law changes.

I am willing to bet that the people present at that discussion didn't really know what the present law, related to this area of criminal activity, actually is. If they did, they would have soon realized that changing the law is not the central issue in fighting this blossoming industry.

Car theft as an established industry is not new. It already reached staggering proportions in 1988 and 1989. In 1990, I managed to push through a piece of novel legislation in the penal code specifically attacking this unlawful industry – amendment 28.

This amendment deals with each and every aspect of the industry, right down to the people who make it their business to sell stolen cars or spare parts. The punishment is 10 years imprisonment. No one who has anything to do with car theft – forging the vehicle's identification marks, forging ownership documents or dissembling the vehicle – can escape from this special law.

The law embraces every offender and the elements of each offense is defined in a way that the prosecution will not have a hard time in proving its case. The severity of the punishment is significant indeed. There can be no doubt as to what the legislation sought to achieve: To give the police, the prosecution and the courts a legal tool with which they can effectively fight the car-theft industry.

However, this industry is flourishing and prospering. Not because the law is weak, but because its implementation is poor. With NIS 2 billion worth of dam-

age and 45,000 stolen cars in the current year, it is also an economic problem. But it goes beyond that. It is not merely a menace to our property. It defines the very concept of our right to own property, as we stand completely helpless before the criminals.

It is also a sign that our current

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relations with the Palestinian Authority are founded on rotten ground since the PA regards the stealing of our property a matter of merit and valor. And let us make no mistake about it, we are partners in helping this industry mushroom to what it is today. Instead of fighting it with full force, some of us, including government officials, like to say that everyone benefits from car theft.

On top of it all, we even cast a shade of legitimacy to the crime. Some car owners go to specific locations controlled by the PA in order to negotiate the redemption of their stolen car.

ALL this can be changed, not through escapism and excuses, but through direct action. First of all, we have to push the war against this growing crime a little higher on our list of national priorities and force the government to assume responsibility.

The first and most important line of action is more effective law enforcement. Even with its existing manpower the police can do much more than it has done. They need to deploy more policemen at the scene of the potential crime – not with their blue lights flashing but on undercover patrols and in ambushes. They

should put temporary road blocks on some of the routes which are used to move the stolen property inside and outside the country. There should also be a direct and answerable telephone line from citizens to the police stations so that car theft can be reported on line.

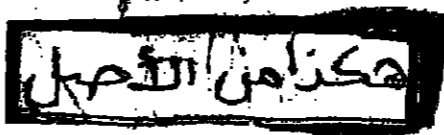
The prosecution has to perform its duty and indict criminals forthwith. It also has to press the courts and demand the full punishment as written in the law – five years imprisonment for the thieves and 10 years for the people who are engaged in the industry as if it were their business.

The courts must also change their attitude. A professional car thief, caught on a repeated offense, must be remanded until the end of the proceedings, as he constitutes a real threat to public safety. The courts should also level punishment commensurate to the severity of the crime. We need to uproot this organized crime and the only way of achieving that is by strengthening the deterrent power.

Better law enforcement will not be enough. Much of the problem lies in our relations with the PA. But why should we blame them? Our government itself made this issue of stolen cars making their way to PA-controlled areas a matter of secondary importance. This has to be changed. We have the full moral and legal right not to transfer them tax money collected here as long as they encourage the stealing of our property. I believe this kind of an argument would be understood in Western countries if we believed in it.

There is another alternative – not to do much more than what we are doing today. To witness in three years' time the theft of 70,000 vehicles and to talk again about the need to change the law.

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Taking our own pulse

Have we learned any lessons since the murder of Yitzhak Rabin? Allison Kaplan Sommer speaks to leading intellectuals and emerges with a discouraging picture



'We shall not forget': Saturday's mass rally in Tel Aviv marking two years since the assassination. (AP)

It seems as if it is becoming an annual ritual. The anniversary of Yitzhak Rabin's death is beginning to evolve into an occasion to take the pulse of our national and spiritual life, to examine relations between Left and Right, religious and secular, look at the ways in which opposing camps treat one another, and, inevitably, look in the mirror as a nation and ask ourselves whether it could ever happen again.

In the weeks following the prime minister's assassination in 1995, there were calls on all sides for a *heshbon nefesh*, a soul-searching.

We knew we needed to ask ourselves how we arrived at a situation in which a Jewish Zionist could end the life of the leader of the Jewish state. And, perhaps more importantly, we needed to analyze what should be done on a public, political and educational level to prevent such violence from occurring in the future.

Has such a process occurred? The view from intellectual circles is pessimistic. Even those who observe superficial changes in Israeli society, question whether fundamental attitudes have truly changed.

Moshe Lissak, Hebrew University professor of sociology and an Israel Prize winner, drew encouragement from the mourning rituals in the wake of the Rabin assassination: the gatherings in public squares, the candle-lightings, and graffiti.

In 1995 he said hopefully that "I see such rituals as medicine for the long-term future, an injection that could heal our sick political system. It is possible that just as doctors can give pills against pain, the images of this week can stabilize the patient - our nation - as it tries to recover from what it has experienced."

Speaking today, Lissak says that "anybody who believes that a true soul-searching has occurred will be sorely disappointed." In his opinion, the beliefs of the far Right have not changed and the potential for violence still exists.

A survey, whose release was timed just before the anniversary of Rabin's death, found that 27 percent of religious youth questioned justified Yigal Amir's act.

One doesn't have to read a survey to realize that the murder of Rabin and the subsequent election of Binyamin Netanyahu forever "changed the political map in Israel; those who believed that you can change through murder received encourage-

ment," asserts Lissak. On a brighter note, he believes that there has been an improvement in the tone of public and political dialogue over the past two years.

"To an extent, the general tone in the rhetoric of the major parties is different than before the assassination. I would say the dialogue doesn't have the crude and extreme tone that it had before. One can say that the murder was a turning point; after Rabin's assassination, every utterance is examined to see if it can be interpreted as incitement to physical violence."

Still, Lissak says, it is doubtful whether this rhetorical change represents a true moderation of views.

"The truth is that it's very hard to know if there is a real change in the rhetoric of the Right wing, because the Labor Party is not in power making large-scale territorial concessions for peace. That would have been the real test; and will be if it ever occurs."

Dr. Charles Liebman, who teaches religion and politics at Bar-Ilan University, believes that the 1996 election interrupted any serious soul-searching process that had been taking place among the religious Right.

"Had the Left wing won the 1996 elections, it would have deepened the crisis that was brewing within religious Zionism regarding the Greater Land of Israel; the issue would have come to a head and had positive consequences," he maintains.

"Overall, I think that things are back exactly to where they were," he says. "It appears to me the assassination had no impact in terms of changing Israeli society. That's the way it seems to me. It's quite remarkable and very disappointing."

The only real serious soul-searching that I can see," continues Liebman, "went on in a very small segment of the religious camp - the left-wing dovish religious Zionists. I think that in this very tiny wing, there was a feeling that in some broad way the religious Zionists bore some responsibility for the murder, because of the careless talk labeling Rabin a traitor. What it has led to is a far greater openness and willingness of the dovish camp to speak out on religious-political issues, to make their voice heard."

The Left is partially responsible for preventing a true self-examination among the religious Right, Liebman charges. "Arguably, the attacks by the Left blaming the religious for

the murder of Rabin served, more than anything, to consolidate the defensive position of the religious camp and closed off any soul-searching on their part.

Attacks by the Left in the wake of the assassination didn't help, they set the process back." Rabbi Mordechai Elon, principal of Jerusalem's Horev Yeshiva High School, says that

in the immediate aftermath of the Rabin assassination, the event was "used as a cynical political tool." During the year following the assassination, Elon expressed

deep concern for the future of Jewish unity, noting the event deepened the rifts between Right and Left, religious and secular. Following the murder in 1995, he said that "we have here two nations, two completely different types of young people who experience life in completely opposite ways. One group simply doesn't comprehend the other, and this is eating away at the nation."

A year after the assassination, Elon made a plea for unity in an interview in *The Jerusalem Post*: "We have to force ourselves to understand that it's not the opposing political view which endangers us," he said at the time. "We have to see that we are faced with one existential threat alone: the unity of Israel."

And what does he think two years after the event? Elon believes that there are two answers to the question of whether the assassination has led to increased or decreased unity.

"I make a sharp distinction between the people and the politicians. The public is much

more advanced than its leaders. I think the unity and awareness of the need for unity among the Jewish people has increased over the past two years, but this has not occurred in our leadership. It is too important to them that we remain divided, in camps, and their rhetoric promotes this. The ideological differences between Barak and Bibi are much smaller than those that existed between Shamir and Rabin, but the style is much more confrontational and much more worrisome."

Prof. Yaron Ezrahi of the Israeli Democracy Institute doesn't buy Elon's theory. "Blaming the politicians is an automatic response, but I don't think it applies," he says, characterizing the splits in Israeli society as "deep and many-layered," far more so than they were two years ago.

Furthermore, continued verbal attacks on the legitimacy of the Supreme Court and violence such as the recent burning of the "Peace Generation" (Dor Shalom) headquarters, demonstrate that "the hard religious core which supported the assassination has learned nothing," says Ezrahi.

He believes that secular Israelis are becoming increasingly aware of the dangers of mixing religion and politics.

But, he adds, any attempt by secular Israelis to discuss the attitudes that led to the assassination "are commonly construed by religious sectors as attacks on

them. Their defensiveness makes it difficult for the society as a whole to face the past and realize that the assassination was a threat to every form of Jewish solidarity in this country."

He believes that in the national religious camp, only a small group of Orthodox intellectuals have engaged in any real soul-searching.

"It has been very very impressive, but the influence on the masses... has been sorely lacking," he says.

"The most serious failure," continues Ezrahi, "and this is startling and disturbing, is the lack of Minister of Education Zevulun Hammer of the National Religious Party. In his term all he has come up with is deciding to strengthen Jewish education with his 'Education for Values' program, but this is not even remotely complemented by education for democratic values. That democratic education in the religious sector is in such a dismal state is a failure which is disturbing and unforgivable."

Prof. Shalom Rosenberg, of the

Hebrew University's Jewish philosophy department, is less condemnatory. He believes that there is a new cautiousness in the national religious camp since the Rabin assassination and a willingness to monitor itself. "I think the national religious understood the problem, they understood they have to be careful, to monitor their extremism. That doesn't mean that the extreme fringe doesn't exist. But the mainstream is more aware of the dangers and tries to guard against them."

Rosenberg stresses that those who are focusing on the tone of the political debate are missing the point. "The Left says some terrible things very elegantly."

"The Israeli theater and art world is full of rude attacks against Zionism, against the Jewish religion, said very beautifully and nicely. The people who work in the market who don't speak that intellectual language, say generally right-wing things in a much more crude manner. You can call someone a Nazi in a nice way or a crude way. That is not what is important."

As for the Left's charge that the religious Right has been unaffected by the assassination, Rosenberg says: "If the Left believed that by searching their souls the religious Right were going to fundamentally change, they were mistaken."

"*Heshbon nefesh* does not mean abandoning one's political beliefs and it does not mean abandoning one religious beliefs, either."

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- Dr. Charles Liebman, Bar-Ilan University

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What went wrong at Bar-Ilan University?

The shots fired by Yigal Amir two years ago changed the image of Bar-Ilan University overnight for many from a respectable institution of higher learning to a fundamentalist swamp, nurturing murderous fanatics with kippot.

Dr. Menahem Klein, a faculty member who undertook to write a book about Bar-Ilan in the wake of the Rabin assassination, believes that the university, founded by the national religious movement, has been blamed for the wrong reasons. It was not its ideological influence that can be faulted, he says, but the fact that it offered virtually no ideological influence to offset that brought in by students coming from nationalist yeshivot.

"Unfortunately, the university had stopped serving as a model for the national religious sector which it once was," said Klein, who teaches Palestinian politics, in an interview this week. "It is the nationalist yeshiva which create the values adopted by this national-religious subgroup. Any rabbi in a third-league yeshiva has more influence than a Bar-Ilan professor. The university failed to build a wall between itself and that society."

Dr. Menahem Klein argues that the university has been blamed for the wrong reasons. It didn't produce Yigal Amir. But it didn't offer a strong enough alternative to counter his warped ideology, Abraham Rabinovich reports

Orthodox kibbutzim and Orthodox paratroopers. In his book published this week, *Bar-Ilan: University Between Religion and Politics* (Magnes Press), Klein notes that the university's founders made a crucial decision not to follow the pattern of Yeshiva University in New York but instead followed that of Catholic universities in the US like Notre Dame.

The former was a university set up alongside a yeshiva in order to provide instruction in medicine and other secular areas while Jewish studies were confined to the yeshiva itself. The Catholic universities in the US, says Klein, in order to achieve broad academic recognition, went through a process which led them by the 1950s to minimize or altogether neglect religious studies.

proliferation of yeshivot in the country, a kollel was set up on campus in which students can study Talmud in the morning. For this they receive a stipend which helps offset the cost of their secular studies in the afternoon. Amir was a member of the kollel.

Despite all this, however, the religious nature of Bar-Ilan's student body over the years has in fact sharply declined. In its early years, 80 to 90 percent of Bar-Ilan's students were religious. Today, says Klein, only 30 to 40 percent are estimated to be religious. The university's policy, he said, is to seek a 50-50 Orthodox-secular balance. Since university rules forbid asking a student the degree of his religiosity, the administration attempts to achieve this balance by drawing on sufficient students from religious high schools to fill this quota.



Bar-Ilan University faculty-student rally for tolerance shortly after Rabin's assassination. (Yoni Reif)

In the 1950s and '60s, Bar-Ilan was at the center of national-religious life," says Klein. "After the Six Day War and the rise of the Greater Israel movement the source for creating values for this population shifted from Bar-Ilan to the yeshivot. Even students coming here from the yeshivot to study economics or business management keep their loyalty and moral attachments to the rabbis in the yeshivot. Amir is a product of that society."

Klein, who is himself Orthodox, says that Bar-Ilan's error lay in not being able to filter out the extremist influences reaching the campus from the yeshivot. "There is a red line beyond which

ideology is corrupted," he says. "There is nothing wrong with the ideology of Greater Israel - until that point. There is nothing wrong with belief in the Messiah - until that point. The university did not develop the necessary filters."

helpful, says Klein. "I suggest instead that critics encourage Bar-Ilan to reinforce academic norms and stand against the negative aspects of messianic ideology and Greater Israel ideology."

GARDENERS' CORNER

A walk on the wild side

By BATSHEVA MINK & DAVID BRAUNER

One of our earliest recollections of wild plants was seeing a field of red poppies growing in the English countryside. Although enchanted, it was not until many years later, after coming to Israel, that we started to take a real interest in wild flowers.

On our first visit to the Galilee, we had to keep reminding ourselves that the magnificent carpets of flowers we saw were growing in their true homes, and not in garden escapes (that is, garden plants escaped to the wild). What really strikes us as we travel the country in spring is the sheer abundance of garden treasures growing quite happily without any help from us.

Beautiful flowers like the poppy, cornflower, cyclamen, anemone, buttercup, chrysanthemum and lupin have been part of the European garden scene for so long that we tend to regard them as part of a shipment of plants brought in from the nursery rather than species that somewhere grow wild in the hills. Considering Israel's small size the country possesses one of the richest plant kingdoms in the world. Few regions elsewhere contain the quantity and diversity of native plants as the land of the Bible. In all, Israel "hosts" approximately 6,380 species of plants, of which 2,780 are native or alien (that is, transfers occurring in nature) and 3,600 that have been introduced by man.

In comparison, Great Britain, which is ten times Israel's size, has only 1,600 varieties of native wild flowers. Two happy factors account for the richness of flora in the Holy Land. The first is geographical location. The country is a nexus between Africa and Asia, and lies between a sea — the Mediterranean, and a desert. Therefore, it's home to representatives of plant life from different continents and climatic zones.

Second, the topography of land is characterized by a variety of landscapes and natural features. From lowering Mt. Hermon at 2,800 m. in the north to the Dead Sea, 398 m. below sea level, in the

south. We have wood lands, desert regions, steep cliffs and sandy plains. And there are also other specialized plant habitats like riverbeds that flood in winter, marsh lands and deep canyons.

The main flowering season here is spring. At this time of year, conditions of air and soil temperature, together with the effects of winter rains, combine to bring forth an explosion of color.

At the same time, due to the many different soils and sub-climates, there is also continuous blooming throughout all twelve months of the year, though spring is the most spectacular. Autumn marks the second peak with the squill and yellow crocus dominating.

In the light soil of the coastal plain, flowering occurs early, shortly after the first rains of winter, while in the hills and valleys plants blossom later. Along the seashore, flowers are in bloom from spring through to midsummer.

Ten percent of the vegetation in Israel are geophytic plants, that is, plants which grow from bulbs and tubers. These have the facility to store food and moisture, enabling them to blossom at times when other plants have long since expired.

For example, the autumn or sea squill (Lat. *Urginea maritima*; Heb. *harzav*), which grows from a huge bulb, usually blooms at the end of September. Reaching as high as 150 cm., the flower stems appear long before the leaves. Squills are often called "harbingers of the rains," because once they appear, rain is not far off.

Growing wild flowers in home gardens was practically unheard of twenty years ago. Gardeners who did so were considered quite eccentric. Today, however, we see a burgeoning variety of wild plants in our gardens. And many gardeners are showing their concern for conserving wild plant populations by growing native species in domestic surroundings.

Abroad, especially in the U.S., Britain and Australia, ecosystem preservation is taken seriously, and wild plants have become well-integrated into their gardening traditions. In England Prince Charles has instituted an example of planting many native species on

royal grounds.

In Israel, interest is growing in native plant conservation, but there is tremendous scope to do more for conservation through cultivation. For example, gardeners are free to pick and save valuable plants from sites slated for construction projects around the country. At the Botanical Garden in Jerusalem, botanists have been assessing the value of a wide variety of native plants for home-growing and ornamental purposes for the past 20 years. Wild plants naturally make suitable garden plants in our climate, because of their low water

consumption and minimal maintenance requirements.

In general, research has shown that Israeli wild flowers sown in your garden in early August can remain in flower from the end of summer right through winter and into April or even May, if the spring is not too hot and dry. Although the native plants prefer full sun, most will take a little shade. Nor are they fussy about soil. But obviously, like all plants, the natives give better and longer lasting results in soil that has been dug up and turned over for aeration and free drainage.

Also, for a longer flowering season than is natural in the wild, gardeners suggest that dead flowers be removed (deadheaded), and that the plants be watered between rainfalls. In the first few years, take care to remove invasive weeds in order to give your "wild" plants a chance to seed themselves and dominate the area.

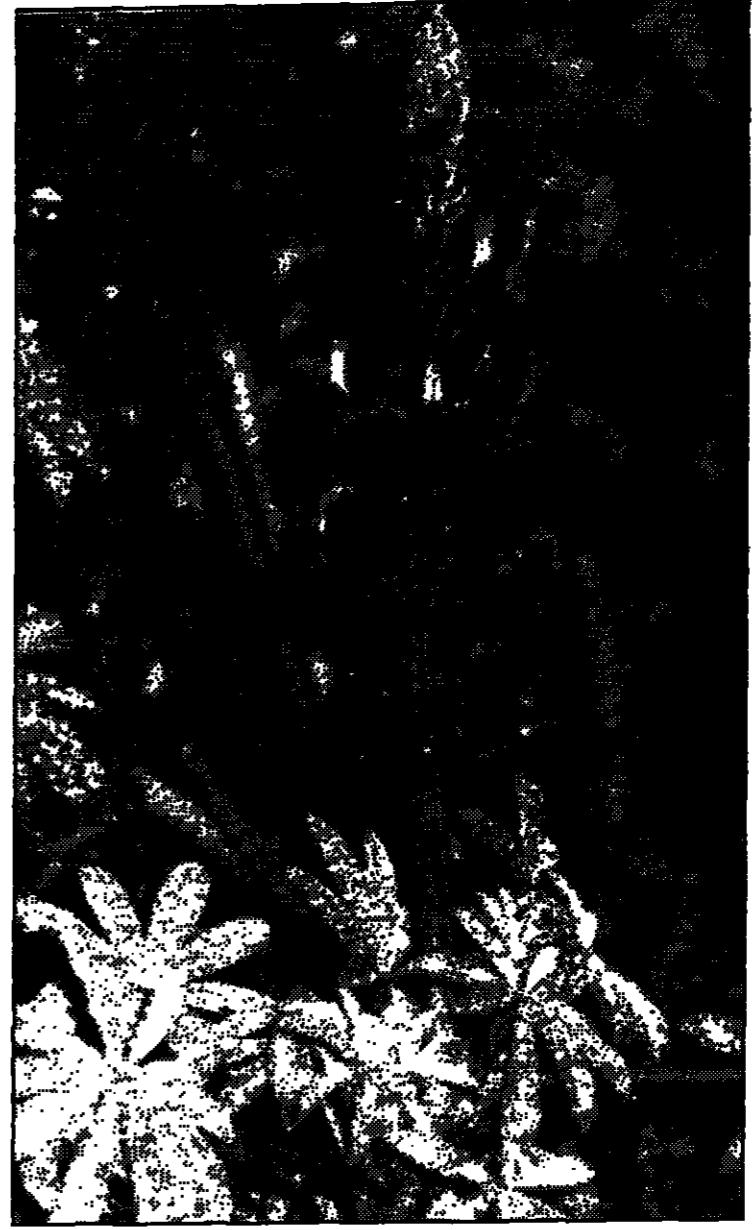
Here are a few of our favorite "cultivated" wild flowers:

Lupin (Lat. *Lupinus pilosus*; Heb. *turmus*) The range of the lupin stretches from the north in the area of Mt. Gilboa, south to the limits of the Mediterranean belt to Kiryat Gat. Lupins are remarkable in that their spoke-like leaves are phototropic, that is, they follow the sun across the sky on a daily basis. Shaped like pretty cones, lupin flowers start out blue and white but turn to reddish purple after pollination. The plant grows to 60-150 cm. From an end of August sowing, lupins normally flower to mid-November. If you cut off the first flower before it develops, it will encourage at least 30 more branches and continue flowering for up to five months.

Sow lupin seeds 20 cm. apart and thin out any that are too close to each other. They grow best when surrounded by at least eight other of their kind, so please don't sow them singly. Also, lupins are not likely to be successful if transplanted.

Red poppy (Lat. *Papaver rhoeas*; Heb. *parag*) The red poppies, another successful garden flower adapted from the wild, have a special charm. Their silken textured flowers bloom from October to May, if sown in early August. Once introduced into your garden, poppies seed themselves easily and colonize freely, facing around and through larger flowering companions, to decorate the garden floor. Like lupins, poppies resent transplantation, so sow in the areas where they are to be grown, and thin them out after germination to give them room to expand.

Cornflower (Lat. *Centaurea cyanoides*; Heb. *dardar kachol*) This is another favorite of Israeli gardeners and has been cultivated in the Botanical Garden for many years. This amazing plant bushes out to about 40 cm. wide and is capable of sprouting 200 or more



Lupins flourish in groups but don't take well to transplantation (Jerusalem Botanical Gardens)



The red poppy: seeds easily and colonizes freely (Jerusalem Botanical Gardens)

flowers at a time. The color is a true blue, something quite rare in the plant world, because most blue flowers have an admixture of red or mauve.

Cornflowers can be sown directly in the garden, or grown first in pots and then replanted when space becomes available. They are adored by butterflies.

Chrysanthemum (Lat. *Chrysanthemum segetum*; Heb. *hartzit*) For a wonderful splash of yellow, the chrysanthemum is one of the easiest wild flowers to grow at home. The plant reaches a height of 50 cm. and a spread of 30 cm., and its bright yellow daisy flowers bloom from October to the end of May.

Like all wild plants, don't grow them too close together if you want good size individuals that flower over a long period.

Chrysanthemums are good self-seeders and will easily naturalize themselves.

Silene (Lat. *Silene palaestina*; Heb. *tzipornit*) In the wild this attractive, free-flowering, pinkish-red flower is an annual belonging to the carnation family that is found from Israel's northern border to the lower Jordan Valley. You can either sow the seeds directly in the garden where they are to flower (later thinning them out to 15 cm. apart) or in pots to be transplanted at a later date. *Silene* enjoys full sun, but will grow in slight shade.

Your gardening questions and comments are welcome. Contact Batsheva Mink, P.O.B. 3945, Jerusalem 91039, or David Brauner, e-mail: morrit@mail.biu.ac.il

HEADS 'N' TAILS



By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

A lot of dog owners are somewhat confused about the matter of pedigree dogs. This is well expressed in the question from a reader in Herzliya: "Almost two years ago we purchased a lovely Labrador female puppy from a pet shop in Tel Aviv. She is a delightful animal and we are very pleased with her. But there is one problem. The pet shop owner assured us that she was purebred Labrador and she certainly looks it. But in a subsequent examination of her records, we found that although her father has 'papers' and is pedigree her mother does not. We would like to breed her but do not want to unless we can be sure of buyers for the puppies. Is there any way to register her? Does this mean that she is

not really pure Labrador at all?"

A dog can be purebred and yet not be pedigree. When we say pedigree we mean that both of the dog's parents' pedigrees are registered with the Israel Kennel Club (IKC) and that the two dogs themselves are registered with that institution. In addition the litter of puppies must be registered with the IKC soon after birth. When all this is accomplished then the individual pups are given pedigree papers and after suitable inspection by officials of the Kennel Club they may be eligible for breeding.

But even having "papers" does not guarantee that the bitch or the sire will be given a breeding permit. This is often subject to other criteria such as an X-ray of the hips in certain breeds to detect hip dysplasia which is genetically transmitted or, in some breeds, an eye examination to see that the



Clockwise: World champion Giant Poodle Peleh; Lassie lookalike; Big Bad Bubba, winner of Iowa's Beautiful Bulldog contest; and just an ordinary German shepherd

animal is free of a certain type of blindness that is also genetic.

So, only a pup that is the product of a dam and a sire that have both passed these tests will be eligible for registration as a pedigree dog. The lack of these papers does not mean that the pup is not purebred but simply that it does not meet the standards set for the breeding of that particular type of dog.

Some dog owners feel slighted by these regulations but they have been set up to protect the integrity of the breed and to ensure dogs of the highest quality. One must remember that there are cases where a dog may look as if it is a



pure specimen of its breed but there may be recessive genes in its makeup that will show up in its offspring.

As for the genetic diseases, I am sure that none of us would want a bitch of ours to produce a litter of puppies that had every possibility of being crippled or blind when they grow up. But these things happen.

Sometimes when the parents are only very slightly afflicted, the disease may be very severe in the next generation. Of course, it can — and does — happen that two dogs that have passed all the examinations will still be carriers of a gene



that causes these problems, but it is much rarer.

The Israel Kennel Club is a member of the FCI, an international federation of kennel clubs. Israeli pedigrees are honored abroad because they meet the same high standards as do the pedigrees of other member clubs. So, the best thing to do in this case would be to have the bitch

sprayed and to remember that everything that makes her a wonderful dog is still the same. She is simply not eligible for showing or for breeding.

If one really wishes to show and to breed a dog, then it should be purchased only from the breeder and after a careful inspection of the pedigrees and registration of both parents.

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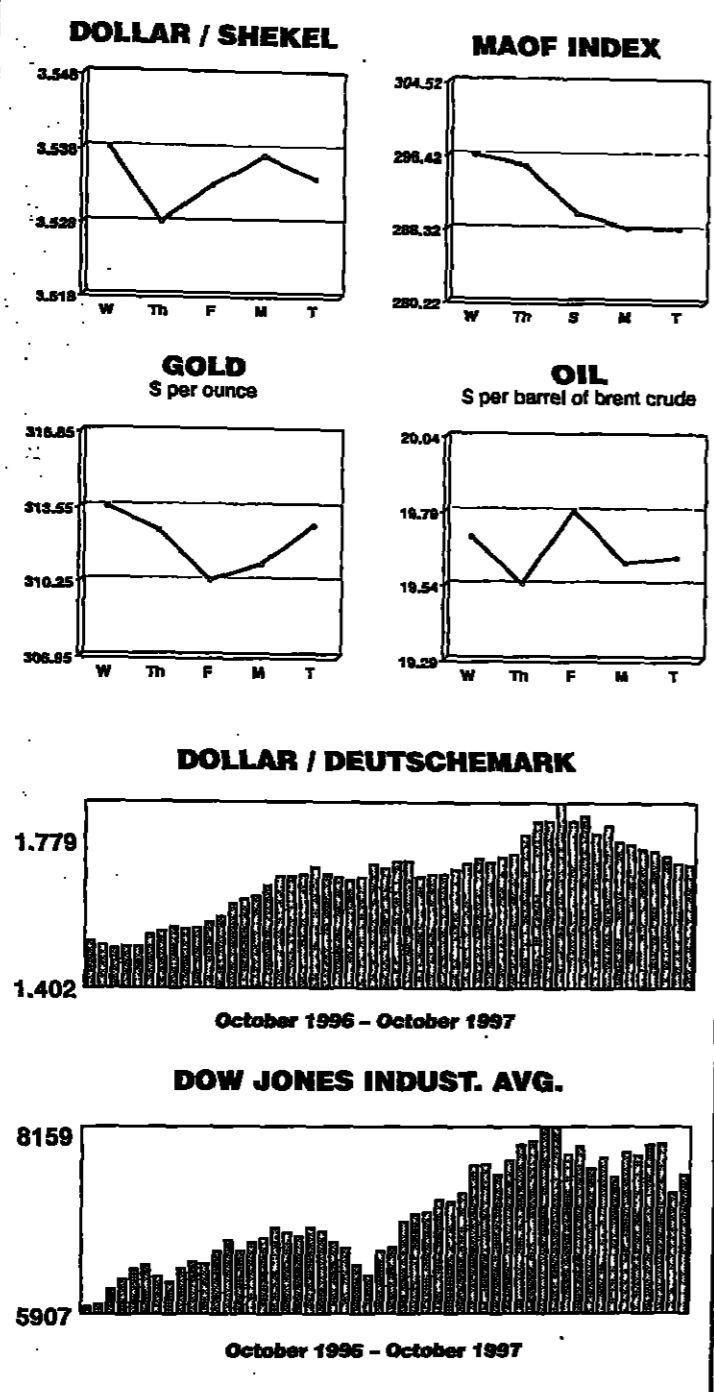
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in brief



October trade deficit falls to \$433 million
Last month's trade deficit was \$433m., down from \$439m. in September, according to figures published yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics. The figures indicate a monthly 1.2 percent drop in the trade deficit in recent months, compared with an average drop of 2.2% per month in the first half of the year, due to the slowdown in exports. From January to October the trade deficit fell 26.8%, and totalled only \$6.6 billion, compared with \$9b. for the corresponding period last year. The trade deficit excluding diamonds and fuel fell more sharply, by 33%.

Scitex nets \$2.2 million in third quarter
Scitex Corporation reported yesterday that third-quarter net income rose to \$2.2 million compared with a net loss of \$151m. in the same period last year and \$157,000 in the second quarter of 1997. For January-September the company reported a net loss of \$5.1m. compared with \$154m. for the same period last year, which included restructuring expenses. Sales for the third-quarter rose to \$171m. against \$167m. last year; revenues were \$501m. versus \$527m.

Teva third-quarter net increases 50%
Teva Pharmaceutical Industries said yesterday that third-quarter net income rose 50 percent to \$35.8 million from \$23.9m. in the same period last year. The company reported sales of \$286.7m., up 21% from \$236.6m. in the third-quarter of 1996. Net income was \$101.2m. compared with 43.2m. in the corresponding period in 1996. Total sales climbed 22% to \$825m. from \$676.1m. The company said it has received US Food and Drug Administration approval for the easing of storage conditions for Copaxone, its multiple sclerosis treatment. Teva said this would enable expanding distribution of the drug in the US.

Netanyahu: Gov't to propose high-speed TA-Beersheba train

By DAVID HARRIS
Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday announced he intends proposing a high-speed train link between Tel Aviv and Beersheba to the cabinet. Speaking at a National Export Day convention in Tel Aviv, Netanyahu said the 155 kph train would allow for a journey time of about an hour. "This will create greater social integration and allow for a higher mobility level for the stronger elements of the population to out-

ing areas," he said. It is vital to mix the populations in the center and in peripheral areas to prevent the creation of a two-tier society, he added. "We must invest in the basic infrastructure that will transform the Negev and Galilee into part of the center." The investment is estimated at NIS 300 million. Netanyahu's announcement was welcomed by Israel Railways director-general Amos Uzani. "I hope a proposal like this will be approved in the cabinet," he said. "From our perspective, construct-

Tadiran awarded \$52m. contract by US Marines

By STEVE RODAN
The US Marine Corps has awarded a contract estimated at \$52 million to Tadiran Communications for the supply of several thousand handheld computers to be used in battle, executives announced yesterday. Tadiran executives said that the contract of the Rugged Handheld Computer was awarded to Engineering and Professional Services of Tinton Falls, New Jersey. The team is composed of Tadiran Communications and its US subsidiary, Tallacom Industries of Tallahassee, Florida. The computers will be used by the US Marine Corps personnel both in vehicles and in the field. The computer is a digital message terminal that provides navigation and map display by employing an internal Global Positioning System receiver. Modern communications can be connected through tactical radios and other networks. Tadiran Communications marketing vice president Lior Almogor said the contract was awarded in "full and open competition. If all options are exercised, the overall Rugged Handheld Computer program value is estimated at the US Marine Corps budgeting figure of \$52 million." Tadiran executives also announced that the IDF would purchase \$20 million worth of electronic equipment to be supplied over the next few years. The equipment bought involves electronic warfare to protect land forces. Shmuel Kidron, Tadiran Systems director-general, said the new systems are among the most advanced in the world and can jam enemy communications without affecting friendly forces. He said Tadiran Systems, a subsidiary of Tadiran, is the main supplier of the tactical equipment to the IDF.



Dollars for sale
South Korean security guards carry stacks of US dollars from a bank counter in Seoul yesterday. The South Korean won rose to 989.80 against the dollar by the morning close as a result of the central bank's dollar-selling intervention. This propelled stock buying by domestic investors. (Reuters)

Coalition blocks vote on arnona hike

By DAVID HARRIS
Coalition MKs on the Knesset Finance Committee blocked a vote yesterday that would have rejected a government plan to increase municipal property taxes, the arnona, by 18.9 percent in 1998. Once it became clear the government lacked a majority, the committee's coalition leader, MK Michael Kleiner (Gesher), told the chairman, MK Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism), that the vote could not be held for technical reasons. MKs have the right to postpone

votes if they coincide with party conferences, and several Finance Committee MKs were at the Likud conference yesterday. Despite the postponed vote, MKs continued debating the issue in an attempt to reach a compromise. Two weeks ago the Interior and Finance ministries presented a plan to increase the tax by 8.9% in line with inflation through September. However, on Monday they returned to the committee with a request for an additional 10% rise in the tax. But the MKs have agreed to approve only an 8.9% hike. The vote has been rescheduled for Monday. The Finance Ministry said last night that it strongly objects to paring down the increase it has sought to only 8.9%. Meanwhile, MK Pini Badash (Tsmet) plans next week to introduce to the Local Authority subcommittee a proposal to postpone municipal elections from November 1998 to March or April 1999. Badash says he wants to make mayors answerable for 1998 balance sheets. He claims to have Treasury support for the plan.

Investment allowed in personal provident funds

By DAN GERSTENFELD and Globes News Service
The Finance Ministry announced yesterday that it has changed its policy and cancelled most planned restrictions on investment in personal provident funds (kupo gemel). According to the new decision, the local provident funds will be comparable to Individual Retirement Accounts in the US. Personal provident funds are regarded as the next revolution in the field of provident funds in Israel. It involves transferring the responsibility for managing provident fund savings from centralized management bodies (banks) to the individual saver, who will personally decide on the investments. The use of IRA in the US began a decade ago and has been tremendously successful. A large part of Americans' pension money now is managed this way. Meanwhile, the Treasury reported that provident funds redemptions moderated last month, dropping by over two thirds to NIS 11 million, compared to redemptions of NIS 37m. in September and NIS 53m. in August. Training funds (keren hishtalmu) accumulated NIS 133m. in October, compared with NIS 125m. in September and NIS 118m. in August. Since the beginning of the year, provident funds and training funds had redemptions of NIS 783m. Meanwhile, saving plans accumulated NIS 46m. in October, versus redemptions of NIS 36m. in September and redemptions of NIS 17m. in August. Inflation-linked saving plans attracted NIS 78m., compared with NIS 13m. in September, while foreign currency-linked plans saw redemptions of NIS 32m., versus NIS 50m. the month before.

ECI gets \$31m. order from China

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN
ECI Telecom Ltd., a Petah Tikva-based developer of integrated network communications solutions, yesterday announced that it received a \$31 million order from China's Hunan Post and Telecom Administration. According to the agreement, ECI will supply telecommunications network equipment to Hunan's local networks. The equipment will be used to facili-

tate distribution of voice, data and video throughout Changsha, the capital of Hunan, and 13 of the province's major cities. ECI Telecom will begin delivery of equipment during the fourth quarter and expects to complete delivery within six months. The order follows implementation of a 1996 contract by which ECI Telecom supplied the backbone network for the entire Hunan province. "It is evident that ECI Telecom's SDH products are rapidly becoming a first choice solution for networks in China and throughout the world," Amos Talmor Hubschmann, ECI's general manager in the Asia Pacific region, said. ECI Telecom also supplied the longest backbone network in the world to Inner Mongolia and has received contracts for projects in Hunan, Guangzhou, Saaxi, Hubei and Zhejiang and other provinces.

Kodak to cut 10,000 jobs, take \$1b. charge

By GERARD MEUCHNER and Jerusalem Post Staff
Eastman Kodak Co. will cut almost 11 percent of its workforce and take a \$1 billion pretax charge in the fourth quarter, the latest in a series of restructurings that have yet to boost profits. Kodak expects to lose \$400 million this year in its digital imaging business, which it has counted on to maintain its dominance in photography. The charge of \$2 a share, will cover job cuts and the writedown of assets, saving at least \$1b. over the next two years, the company said. The actions are the most aggressive taken by Chairman George Fisher, who is facing his toughest challenge since taking over four years ago. Kodak is trying to beat competition from Fuji Photo Film Co., Hewlett-Packard Co. and others while its film sales stagnate and losses mount from new products including its Advanced Photo System. "One of the problems I created

was an expectation of continued growth," Fisher told analysts at a meeting in New York. "We are collectively embarrassed by this year." Kodak's shares fell 3 to 6 1/4 in late morning trading yesterday. The stock is down 21% this year. Kodak also said it would reduce research and development spending by as much as \$150 million next year, and would consider hiring other companies to make more of its products. Kodak President Daniel Carp told the group that the company won't let Fuji undercut it so much on prices, as in the summer when Fuji's prices were as much as 30% lower than Kodak's. "It's not our intention to lead prices downward in the US, but we will not allow the value gap to rise to levels of the past summer," Carp said. Carp also said that the company will stock fewer types of film and increase spending on advertising. Fuji and others have taken at least three percentage points of Kodak's share in the US film market in the past year, analysts

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THE BUSINESS SCENE

By GREER FAV CASIMAN



A Boeing Commercial Airplane Group delegation headed by Boeing executive vice president Nancy J. Bethel (left) recently completed an intensive round of meetings in Israel.

While the markets remain volatile and nervy, we have returned to some vestige of normalcy over the last week.

New appointments announced by Mega Sport include those of Avi Kalifa as the company's commercial manager.

Dan Lazar has been appointed general manager of the coffee shop division of the Morag group, which controls the Beigel Nash and Cafe Morag coffee shops in seven locations across the country.

Osnat Ofek is the new human resources manager at the Laguna hotel, Eilat. Another new appointment at the Laguna is that of Meital Alper as manager of the hotel's entertainment department.

Two new appointments at the Carmel Jordan River hotel in Tiberias are those of Avi Schifsel as executive chef and Sharon Alon as functions manager.

Kim Lindy, former director of the AACI Central Region has left to start up her own business as a consultant.

Alon, who studied hotel management at Bar-Ilan University, gained his practical experience at the Holiday Inn chain.

Tiptoe to the TASE

As world markets return to relative normalcy, local investors have reason to ever so cautiously reenter the water

By NEIL COHEN

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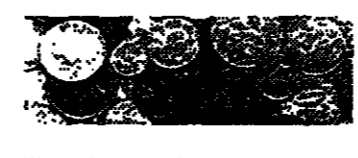
While I'm still very cautious, nervous and overall a little pessimistic, I am prepared to venture, ever so carefully back into the water.

our holdings very cheaply. I'm certainly not suggesting that we exit the market in wholesale fashion.

Given where we are starting from - up 59 percent in one portfolio and 66% in the other over a year and a half - any other strategy would be a bit irresponsible.

If the market falls when we're less than fully invested, our cash position will cushion us against the falls and enable us to pick up good stocks at low prices ahead of the next upturn.

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still participate nicely.

Our holding in Orbotech, having been hammered last week, has recovered almost all of its losses.

So I am selling a third of the holding. While the stock has done

well for us, readers are aware that I have become somewhat less positive about Blue Square Co-Op's prospects.

Looking around, I don't see much in the way of compelling retail formats (difficult, anyway, in a small country) and feel quite comfortable not having much representation in the sector.

I am going to put NIS 5,000 of the proceeds back to work in the aggressive portfolio in an issue that did very well earlier this year.

The new Central Bus Station in Tel Aviv is wholly owned by Mishor Hahof (previously known as Mariaz), a publicly traded real estate company controlled by Mordechai Yona.

The bond pays interest of CPI plus 6% per annum. The company is supposed to repay the outstanding principal, together with relevant interest and indexation, in

equal installments every March 31 from 1997 to 2007.

Despite high hopes, the bus station has proved to be something of a white elephant. It has not attracted the retail traffic or stores its owners had hoped for.

However, the company has clawed itself into operating profitability and has slowly been improving its financial situation.

Although it continues to struggle, the Bus Station is still keeping its head above water, filling more space and improving the cash flow.

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Microsoft responds to Justice Dept. charges

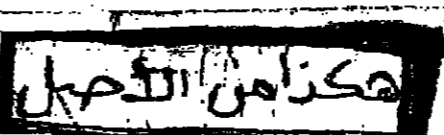
Microsoft Corp. said on Monday it filed its formal response to the Justice Department's charge that the software giant is violating a 1995 antitrust settlement.

Although the company declined to discuss the content of the response filed after the court closed, it is likely to argue that Explorer is part of Windows 95, not a separate product.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table listing various mutual funds under categories: FLEXIBLE, SHARES, STATE BONDS, COMPANY BONDS, FOREIGN CURRENCY, and MIXED. Columns include fund name, unit cost, redemption price, monthly yield, and assets.

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TASE little changed in mixed trading

Tel Aviv

Israeli stocks finished mixed yesterday, as investors awaited earnings reports and Friday's upcoming announcement of the consumer price index.

Europe

European stocks closed mixed as a stronger dollar helped exporters reverse earlier declines and the US market opened higher.

STOCKS

Maof 288.32 v 0.03%
Dow Jones 7558 a 0.08%
FTSE 4793.70 v 0.27%
Nikkei 15867.23 a 1.08%

Wall Street

The Standard and Poor's 500-stock list rose 2.65 to 923.78 and the NYSE composite index rose 0.79 to 485.66.

Asia

Japanese stocks rebounded, led by banks such as Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd., amid concern the stock market's recent plunge would hamper banks' ability to meet capital-adequacy requirements.

Yen falls to six-month low

The dollar rose above 125 yen yesterday for the first time in six months, amid expectations Japan's economy won't improve enough in the foreseeable future to trigger higher interest rates.

CURRENCIES

Dollar 3.5340 v 0.09%
Basket 3.8464 a 0.15%
Mark 2.0706 a 0.53%
Sterling 6.0311 a 1.39%

Germany's Bundesbank

last month lifted its benchmark overnight rate, the securities repurchase rate, from its record low 3.0% to 3.30%.

Oil rises on UN-Iraq tension

Crude oil futures prices in London rose, lifted as Iraq refused UN weapons inspectors access to sites in Iraq for the eighth time and as it threatened to suspend its cooperation with the UN team.

Precious metals

December gold rose as much as \$4.60 to \$315.70 an ounce on the Comex division of the Nymex. Jewelers have stepped up their purchases to take advantage of their recent low prices.

UK bonds slide as inflation heightens rate concern

While US bond markets were closed yesterday in observance of Veterans Day, UK bonds fell after inflation rose faster than expected last month, increasing concern about how high official interest rates will rise.

Others

Zinc rose from a nine-month low reached Monday amid expectations of lower Chinese exports in 1997 and on speculation that a recent tumble in the metal's price may force the postponement of plans to restart a zinc mine in Canada.

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Eilat woos Hrbaty

Booking his place early in the Eilat sun is Dominik Hrbaty who has announced that he will play in the \$50,000 Club Hotel Eilat Challenger tournament next month.

Amir won his A division, with a 73 par score. One shot behind was Mike Ossip with Zev Abraham third at 77.

LOCAL SCENE

By REATHER CHAIT

Slovakian Hrbaty jumped 300 places in the ATP world rankings during 1996 and is now at the No. 33 slot.

Hrbaty has pleasant memories connected with Israel - last year he was part of the Davis Cup team which advanced to the World Group after their win over Israel.

Eyal Erlich is still the top local player, according to Monday's ATP Tour rankings. Erlich is at No. 166, Raviv Weidenfeld at 186, Eyal Ran at 211, Behr at 333 and Welgreen at 360.

Cycling: Some came by themselves, others were with their parents and one even brought his dog. Seven hundred riders entered this year's Tour de Sdom, the mountain bike race at the Dead Sea, which has become a biker's paradise.

First among the men was 25-year-old Ido Syrkin, this year's road race champion, who finished the grueling 24-km route in 1:18:47.

Second was Amizt Doron (1:20:03) and Nimrod Dubinsky was third (1:21:59).

Laurie Copans was the first woman rider and in 21st place overall (1:36:53). Both Syrkin and Copans received NIS 1,500.

The dog? Meretz, from Ra'anana, spurred her owner Sharon Weshler to the finishing line from a comfortable vantage point between Weshler's shoulder blades.

Golf: The monthly medal competition at Caesarea's golf club attracted 100 entrants. Leslie Ben-

Haas, found time during his one-week vacation to score 73 and Clive Josset was third with 74.

Kobi Koren won the C division with a one under par 72. Yitzhak Dankner and Shmuelik Futera made 75 but Dankner's back-nine pipped Futera's placing.

Jules Cuburek won the D group with 73, followed by Hary Brodic on 75 and David Hilzenrath on 78.

Squash: Errol Sapire captained his eight-member team to victory in the Masters tournament held at Ra'anana's Squash Center.

Sapire's team won all their ties against the three other teams, ending with three points. Larry Reefer's team was second and Pini Gal's crew took third place.

Backup for Sapire came from Norman Geri, Abe Speigler, Menahem Oren, David Golding, Yossi Gaitelband, David Snipper and Mike Chester. Snipper doubled up as tournament director, along with Harvey Groves.

Orienteering: Saturday's clear skies brought 300 people to the Bat-Shlomo forest for a national competition. Matan Naftali won Ashkelon on the 8-km route in 1:01:40 with ten minutes separating him from Noam Ravid in second place. Ina Feingold, also from Ashkelon, was first in the 6-km women's route, clocking 54:46.

Jonathan Harel won the juniors. A night competition will be held this Saturday around the Caesarea area. Call (03) 9560537.

Yankees, Williams start squabbling

NEW YORK (AP) - Bernie Williams and the New York Yankees appear to be headed to a winter full of squabbling.

Joe Torre and Bob Watson, not knowing if their All-Star center fielder will be back following his request for a \$70 million, seven-year contract, are planning for a possible future without him.

"Nobody's worth that kind of money," Watson said Monday after watching owner George Steinbrenner present a \$50,000 check to the Jackie Robinson Foundation.

Williams is eligible for free agency after next season. If they can't reach a long-term agreement, the Yankees might trade him or keep Williams and try to negotiate after next season. Watson, New York's general manager, already has had several discussions with Williams' agent, Scott Boras.

"If he and his representative feel he's worth what they're asking, he may want to wait to see what the free-agent market will bring," Watson said, adding that Williams would "have to put up big numbers" to become a \$10 million-a-year player.

"He's a real favorite of mine," Torre said. "I'll miss Bernie if he happens to leave, just like I missed (John) Wetteland and Jimmy Key this year."

Torre already has talked with Watson about replac-

ing Williams if he's dealt. "If Bernie's not going to be a part of it, we have to find a different way to do it."

In other news, Torre and Watson hinted catcher Joe Girardi won't be protected in next week's expansion draft. Torre said he was happy backup Jorge Posada got some experience last season.

"You'd hate to see him coming into the situation cold out of the minor leagues," Torre said.

Watson said three or four minor leaguers will be included in the Yankees' 15-man protected list, which had to be submitted yesterday. One who won't be pitcher Kenny Rogers, traded to Oakland on Friday for third baseman Scott Brosius.

"I think it was more than anything physical, thinking he had to show us something instead of pitching as best he can," Torre said.

"He was trying to show everyone he was worth the money he got," Rogers, who turned 33 today, signed a \$20 million, four-year contract with the Yankees, then went 12-8 with a 4.68 ERA in 1997 and 6-7 with a 5.65 ERA last season. New York agreed to pay half of the \$10 million left on the contract in order to get rid of him.

"Nobody can battle the pressure of trying to be perfect all the time," Torre said. "He was never satisfied unless he was damn near perfect."

Adams to miss Cameroon friendly

LONDON (Reuters) - Central defender Tony Adams has been forced out of England's World Cup warm-up against Cameroon at Wembley on Saturday because of a long-standing ankle injury.

The 31-year-old Arsenal skipper, who was sidelined for six weeks after surgery on his right ankle in the summer, was advised yesterday to rest for a week.

This latest setback for Adams, a tower of strength in the heart of the England

defence for a decade, raises question marks over his fitness for the World Cup finals in France next June.

England coach Glenn Hoddle, who sent Adams to see a specialist on yesterday, said: "We want a fit Tony Adams back as soon as possible."

Adams has yet to play in the World Cup finals. He was not called up by Bobby Robson for the 1990 tournament in Italy and four years later England failed to qualify for the finals in the United States.

SCOREBOARD

EUROPEAN BASKETBALL - Hapoel Eilat continues to lead group 5 in the EuroCup after an 82-80 overtime win over Germany's Rohnsdorf away last night.

Macabbi Ra'anana, also playing away, lost 89-70 to Greece's Panathinaikos in the same competition yesterday.

ENGLISH SOCCER - Third division result last night: Cardiff 0, Scunthorpe 0.

GERMAN SOCCER - Bundesliga results last night: Bayer Leverkusen 4, Cologne 0; Borussia Dortmund 0, Bayern Munich 2.

SPORTS

in brief

West Brom defender Nicholson fails drugs test

LONDON (Reuters) - West Bromwich Albion defender Shane Nicholson was charged with misconduct by the English Football Association (FA) on Monday after failing a drugs test at a training session last month.

The FA said in a statement that Nicholson tested positive for traces of amphetamine, classed as a banned performance-enhancing drug, after a random test at the first division club on October 13.

It said Nicholson was the first player to provide a positive sample in tests carried out by the FA this season.

Nicholson was suspended immediately by his club pending a hearing by the FA disciplinary commission.

Robson may return to Sporting Lisbon - report

BARCELONA (Reuters) - Former Barcelona coach Bobby Robson has told Sporting Lisbon there is a 95 percent chance of his returning to the Portuguese club, according to an article in the Spanish sports daily Marca yesterday.

The ex-England manager was at Sporting in the 1992-93 season, before moving on to Oporto and then to Barcelona, where he is now in charge of new signings after being replaced as coach by Louis van Gaal.

Robson is known to be unhappy at having to give up his seat on the bench at the Camp Nou despite winning both the Spanish Cup and the European Cup Winners' Cup in his first season.

Vieri out of Saturday's World Cup playoff

MADRID (Reuters) - Italian striker Christian Vieri will not be fit to play in Saturday's World Cup playoff against Russia, his Atletico Madrid club doctor Jose Maria Villalon said yesterday.

Vieri aggravated an injury to his left thigh in Sunday's league game with Compostela, but travelled to Italy nevertheless. He is currently top scorer in the Spanish first division with eight goals, and was on target for Italy in the first leg of the qualifier with Russia, which ended 1-1.

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Hammer blows not such a bad thing

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Which is why we perhaps should not be quite so surprised that teammates Eyal Berkovic and John Moncur

LONDON CALLING

By Andy Cooper

had something of a dust-up during West Ham's 2-1 defeat at Chelsea on Sunday.

The difference, of course, is that their particular disagreement occurred in front of 34,000 people and millions of television viewers.

It's always slightly comical to see teammates engaging in fistfights on the field of play.

Blackburn's disastrous European Champions League campaign a few years ago will be remembered not so much for their woeful performances

against some of Europe's lesser lights, but more for the almighty scrap between David Barry and Graeme Le Saux which resulted in both serving bans imposed by UEFA.

That particular scrap was indicative of a team on the slide, breaking up as expectation overwhelmed it, but one hopes, for the Hammers' sake that Sunday's little contretemps is not a precursor to more trouble for manager Harry Redknapp with "foreign imports."

Berkovic has been superb for West Ham this season. His driving, probing runs and sharp shooting have been a significant contribution to their rise up the table and have helped to banish the memory of some of the more miserable flops who have arrived on big money deals at Upton Park in the past few seasons.

Moncur is a cultured midfielder whose value to his side is often underlined when he is not playing.

Sure, they had a disagreement and it broke out into a minor bit of pushing and shoving. So what? At least they cared enough about the way the game was being played to indulge in such behavior.

Peter Schmeichel doesn't seem to be happy unless he is bawling out a defender or two, even if Manchester United are coasting to victory. Some Liverpool fans will recall wistfully how Bruce Grobbelaar once nearly throttled a young Steve McManaman during a particularly heated Merseyside derby.

So let's hope Redknapp will do the sensible thing: warn the pair about going too far, mouth something to the press about "appropriate action" being taken and secretly congratulate himself that passions are running

high enough for his team to make a difference.

Chairman of the board When it comes to managing, Michael Knighton and Alan Sugar are two of soccer's more

high profile chairmen, but they do disagree about one thing. Sugar says he knows nothing about soccer —

Knighton is managing his team. While Sugar grapples with the terrible form of Spurs and whether Gerry Francis should take the blame for it and be dispensed with it, Knighton has done the firing, but he hasn't bothered with any hiring.

Many remember Knighton as he juggled a ball in front of a packed Old Trafford having seemingly completed an audacious move to buy the club from Martin Edwards in the late 1980s.

The deal subsequently went on to unravel in the next few weeks and although Knighton stayed as an Old Trafford director he eventually quietly sloped off.

Rather in the manner of a young boy with a train set, he went off looking for a club and found Carlisle, a bleak outpost almost in Scotland and most definitely in the league's lower division since the heady days of the '70s when they briefly flirted with the top of the league.

New chairman Knighton promised the Carlisle faithful a bit of Premier League soccer and a club to match the giants of the game.

Since then, the club has yo-yoed between the bottom two divisions and despite a Wembley win in the Auto Windscreens Shield, the minor clubs' cup contest, has shown little sign of matching the chairman's blueprint.

So when coach Mervyn Day was sacked earlier this season, Knighton appointed himself as manager.

Worryingly for some of the other managers with chairman who favor the high profile approach, he isn't doing too badly. Undeclared in his three games in charge, the team is starting to play with confidence.

Knighton says he may eventually appoint a player coach but will never go down the manager route again.

Knighton's example throws up some amazing possibilities, perhaps the most delicious of which is the chairman of Aston Villa "Deadly" Doug Ellis, who already has a stand at Villa Park named after him, taking charge of team affairs as well.

With the Midlands men not exactly taking the league by storm this season, Brian Little may have to look over his shoulder to the boardroom more than he thinks!



PUSH AND SHOVE—49ers' Terry Kirby gains 14 yards during first-quarter action against Philadelphia.

(Reuters)

49ers ground Eagles for 9th straight

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The old San Francisco 49ers routed teams with offense.

They did it Monday night with defense and special teams, beating Philadelphia 24-12 as Merton Hanks returned a fumble for a touchdown. Chuck Levy scored

on a 73-yard punt return, and Curtis Buckley's disputed hit and fumble recovery set up a third TD.

Dana Stubblefield had 3½ of San Francisco's eight sacks as the 49ers won their ninth straight game since an opening-week loss in Tampa.

That moved them within a victory of their fifth NFC West title in six years and their 14th in 17 seasons. They can clinch it Sunday by beating Carolina in San Francisco.

For Philadelphia, (4-6), it was the first loss in five home games this season, and puts the Eagles in peril of missing the playoffs for the first time in Ray Rhodes' three seasons as head coach.

How unusual was this game, the

first ever played by the Eagles in all-green uniforms? San Francisco's offense, long its mainstay, gained just 213 yards for the game, and Steve Young was 13-of-23 for 103 yards as he left the offense to the defense.

It started just 1 minute, 7 seconds into the game, when Lee Woodall stripped the ball from Ricky Waters. Hanks picked it up and took it untouched to the end zone.

The Eagles moved up and down the field, but had to settle for Chris Boniol field goals of 28 and 34 yards that cut the lead to 7-6.

Then came the game's key play. Three-and-half minutes into the second quarter, the Niners' Tommy Thompson punted to Philadelphia's Freddie Solomon.

He signaled for a fair catch, but just as the ball got to him Buckley came crashing in. The ball came loose, and Buckley fell on it at the Philadelphia 26.

The officials ruled that Solomon

never had possession, making it a muff and making him fair game for Buckley.

Three plays later, following a 19-yard pass from Young to Terrell Owens, Garrison Hearst took the ball in front of the 10 and it was 14-6.

Then Tommy Hurton punted to Levy — returning punts because Iheanyi Uweazuko was out with a knee injury.

Levy took the ball, split two Philadelphia defenders, and sped untouched to the end zone for a 21-6 lead.

Just for good measure, San Francisco got a 3-point gift just before the half when Darnell Walker intercepted Ty Detmer's pass and returned it 10 yards to the 36. Young's 23-yard pass to Owens set up Gary Anderson's 31-yard field goal that made it 24-6.

The second half was simply a matter of running out the clock for the 49ers and letting the defense hold, particularly when Owens went out with a concussion.

Bobby Hoving, Philadelphia's third-string quarterback, led the Eagles to their only touchdown — a 6-yard pass to Chad Lewis — with 1:14 remaining.

Irving Fryar caught nine passes for 138 yards for the Eagles.

| AMERICAN CONFERENCE | | | | | |
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| | W | L | Pct. | PF | PA |
| East | 6 | 4 | 0.600 | 206 | 188 |
| Miami | 6 | 4 | 0.600 | 254 | 185 |
| New England | 6 | 4 | 0.600 | 237 | 196 |
| NY Jets | 6 | 4 | 0.600 | 217 | 225 |
| Buffalo | 5 | 5 | 0.500 | 170 | 225 |
| Indianapolis | 0 | 10 | 0.000 | 154 | 258 |
| Central | 7 | 3 | 0.700 | 262 | 202 |
| Jacksonville | 7 | 3 | 0.700 | 241 | 200 |
| Pittsburgh | 5 | 5 | 0.500 | 217 | 197 |
| Tennessee | 4 | 6 | 0.400 | 210 | 231 |
| Baltimore | 3 | 7 | 0.300 | 191 | 263 |
| Cincinnati | 3 | 7 | 0.300 | 191 | 263 |
| West | 9 | 1 | 0.900 | 302 | 160 |
| Denver | 7 | 3 | 0.700 | 204 | 167 |
| Kansas City | 6 | 4 | 0.600 | 233 | 238 |
| Seattle | 4 | 6 | 0.400 | 202 | 251 |
| San Diego | 4 | 6 | 0.400 | 202 | 251 |
| Oakland | 3 | 7 | 0.300 | 237 | 269 |

| NATIONAL CONFERENCE | | | | | |
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| East | 6 | 4 | 0.600 | 192 | 190 |
| NY Giants | 6 | 4 | 0.600 | 203 | 152 |
| Washington | 5 | 5 | 0.500 | 212 | 154 |
| Dallas | 4 | 6 | 0.400 | 170 | 214 |
| Philadelphia | 2 | 8 | 0.200 | 170 | 230 |
| Arizona | 2 | 8 | 0.200 | 170 | 230 |
| Central | 8 | 2 | 0.800 | 233 | 176 |
| Green Bay | 8 | 2 | 0.800 | 238 | 201 |
| Minnesota | 7 | 3 | 0.700 | 208 | 172 |
| Tampa Bay | 4 | 6 | 0.400 | 187 | 205 |
| Detroit | 1 | 9 | 0.100 | 167 | 292 |
| Chicago | 1 | 9 | 0.100 | 167 | 292 |
| West | 9 | 1 | 0.900 | 251 | 120 |
| San Francisco | 5 | 5 | 0.500 | 166 | 187 |
| Carolina | 2 | 7 | 0.300 | 131 | 208 |
| New Orleans | 2 | 8 | 0.200 | 169 | 271 |
| Atlanta | 2 | 8 | 0.200 | 169 | 271 |

Sunday, November 16
Arizona at New York Giants
Atlanta at St. Louis
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh
Denver at Kansas City
Green Bay at Indianapolis
Kansas at Jacksonville
Minnesota at Detroit
New England at Tampa Bay
Philadelphia at Baltimore
Seattle at New Orleans
Washington at Dallas
Carolina at San Francisco
New York Jets at Chicago
Oakland at San Diego
Monday, November 17
Buffalo at Miami

McGrath routs Kiwis in first Test

BRISBANE (AP) — Australian paceman Glenn McGrath overcame a leg injury to destroy New Zealand and set up a 186-run win in the first Test at the Gabba yesterday.

Set 319 runs to win, New Zealand collapsed to be all out for 132, with the middle session of the final day extended to allow Australia to take the last wicket.

McGrath claimed 5-32, despite a groin muscle strain, including 4-4 in a 22-ball burst before lunch.

McGrath, Australia's best bowler during the recent Ashes triumph with 32 wickets, bowled an outstanding line and length.

Australian captain Mark Taylor, who won the man-of-the-match award with a first innings 112, was full of praise for his pace spearhead.

"He's a great bowler, a genuine wicket-taker and applies a lot of pressure," Taylor said. "He definitely wasn't at 100 percent fitness throughout this game."

McGrath's victims were Nathan Astle (14), Bryan Young (45), Craig McMillan for a first-ball duck and skipper Stephen Fleming (0) on the last ball of the morning session.

In the post lunch session, returning only for his second spell of the day, McGrath had No.10 Simon Doull caught behind to complete his ninth five-wicket haul in a 35-match career.

McGrath claimed a match haul of 7-128 while Warne, who trapped No.11 Geoff Allott to complete the victory, took a match bag of 7-160 with 3-54 in the second innings.

All rounder Chris Cairns (21) and Adam Parore (39 not out) batted with great restraint and judgment after lunch to take New Zealand from 69-5 to 112 before a rash stroke ended their defiant struggle.

Medium paceman Paul Reiffel induced Cairns to play on and Warne made further inroads with two quick wickets.

Warne, wicketless all morning, bowled left hander Chris Harris (0) with a ball that spun wickedly



STUMPED — New Zealand's Chris Cairns is bowled for 21 runs by Paul Reiffel. The Kiwis were all out for 132 in their second innings to give Australia a 186-run victory.

out of the rough, and in the next over had Daniel Vettori (0) caught by Taylor at slip.

New Zealand resumed on four for none and had a disastrous start. Reiffel produced a beautiful ball which left Blair Pocock, took the edge and flew to Taylor at first slip.

New Zealand had suffered two embarrassing defeats in their lead-up matches and fought hard for four days before Tuesday's tumble.

"We don't take too much heart in being beaten in four and half days instead of two and a half days — which is what we were written

off for at the start of the test," Fleming said.

New Zealand had Australia in early trouble after sending the home side into bat on day one.

"If we'd approached the first day with more confidence we might have done a little bit better," Fleming said.

Trail Blazers win 5th straight

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP) — Kenny Anderson scored 15 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter as the Portland Trail Blazers rallied from a 12-point halftime deficit Monday night to defeat the Detroit Pistons 86-82.

The Pistons, who led by as many as 15 points in the second quarter, lost their fifth in a row, their longest skid since Doug Collins became coach. The Blazers' 5-1 start — it was their fifth straight win — is their best since they went 6-0 in 1992.

Anderson scored Portland's first seven points in the fourth quarter, then clinched the victory by sinking 7-of-8 free throws down the stretch. He also had 11 assists.

Arvydas Sabonis had 20 points and 11 rebounds for Portland before fouling out with 4:08 to play, while Grant Hill scored 21 and Brian Williams had 19 for Detroit.

Spurs 100, Raptors 98
David Robinson scored 32 points and San Antonio overcame 28 turnovers and a 15-point first-half deficit to win on the road in Monday's only other scheduled game. The Raptors had a chance to win, but Damon Stoudamire's desperation 3-point shot at the buzzer went in and out.

Robinson hit 12-of-17 shots from the field as the Spurs shot 63.1 percent from the floor to make up for the turnovers. Sean Elliott chipped in 17 points and Tim Duncan had 15 points and a team-high eight rebounds.

Doug Christie tied the Raptors with 26 points.

| EASTERN CONFERENCE | | | | | |
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| Atlantic Division | | | Central Division | | |
| | W | L | Pct. | GB | |
| New Jersey | 4 | 1 | .800 | — | |
| Miami | 4 | 2 | .667 | ½ | |
| New York | 3 | 3 | .500 | 1½ | |
| Orlando | 3 | 3 | .500 | 1½ | |
| Washington | 2 | 4 | .333 | 2½ | |
| Boston | 1 | 5 | .167 | 3½ | |
| Philadelphia | 0 | 5 | .000 | 4 | |
| Central Division | | | | | |
| Atlanta | 6 | 0 | 1.000 | — | |
| Milwaukee | 4 | 1 | .800 | 1½ | |
| Charlotte | 4 | 2 | .667 | 2 | |
| Chicago | 4 | 2 | .667 | 2 | |
| Cleveland | 2 | 3 | .400 | 3½ | |
| Indiana | 2 | 4 | .333 | 4 | |
| Detroit | 2 | 5 | .286 | 4½ | |
| Toronto | 1 | 5 | .167 | 5 | |

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| Midwest Division | | | Pacific Division | | |
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| Minnesota | 4 | 1 | .800 | ½ | |
| Phoenix | 4 | 2 | .600 | 1½ | |
| Houston | 3 | 2 | .600 | 1½ | |
| Utah | 2 | 4 | .333 | 3 | |
| Vancouver | 2 | 4 | .333 | 3 | |
| Denver | 0 | 4 | .000 | 4 | |
| Pacific Division | | | | | |
| L.A. Lakers | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | — | |
| Seattle | 5 | 1 | .833 | — | |
| Ottawa | 5 | 1 | .833 | — | |
| Phoenix | 3 | 1 | .750 | — | |
| L.A. Clippers | 1 | 4 | .200 | 3½ | |
| Sacramento | 1 | 4 | .200 | 3½ | |
| Golden State | 0 | 6 | .000 | 5 | |

Sabres rally to tie Oilers

BUFFALO (AP) — Jason Dawe scored three goals in just over six minutes of the second period Monday, rallying Buffalo from three goals down and giving the Sabres a 4-4 tie with the Edmonton Oilers.

Edmonton forward Mike Grier, who had a racial slur yelled at him by Washington's Chris Simon over the weekend, scored his first goal of the season. Simon has been suspended by the NHL over the incident.

Dan McGillis' goal with 4:24 remaining, a floater from the blue line over Buffalo goalie Steve Shields' shoulder, tied it 4-4.

Shields replaced starter Dominik Hasek after the first period when Hasek allowed three goals on just nine shots.

Edmonton, 0-3-3 during its six-game road trip and 5-9-4 overall, rolled to a 3-0 lead in the first peri-

od on goals by Ryan Smyth, Grier and Boris Mironov that came 4:08 apart.

Dawe then went to work, scoring three goals in a 6:18 stretch for his natural hat trick. He has 11 goals this season.

Devils 3, Islanders 1
Martin Brodeur stopped 28 shots for his seventh straight win.

Rookie Patrick Elias broke a 1-1 tie with a goal in the second period as host New Jersey won for the eighth time in 10 games.

Elias, tied for the team lead with eight goals, scored at 16:17 of the second period on a right circle slap shot that beat goalie Tommy Salo to the left side.

Monday's results:
Edmonton 4, Buffalo 4
New Jersey 3, NY Islanders 1
St. Louis 7, Dallas 1
Calgary 1, Chicago 1
San Jose 6, Anaheim 4

| EASTERN CONFERENCE | | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|------------------|-----|----|
| Atlantic Division | | | Central Division | | |
| | W | L | T | Pts | GF |
| Philadelphia | 10 | 5 | 3 | 23 | 58 |
| New Jersey | 11 | 5 | 0 | 22 | 50 |
| Washington | 9 | 7 | 2 | 20 | 50 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 7 | 7 | 3 | 17 | 46 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 4 | 6 | 7 | 15 | 42 |
| Florida | 5 | 8 | 3 | 13 | 37 |
| Tampa Bay | 4 | 12 | 2 | 6 | 28 |
| Northwest Division | | | | | |
| Montreal | 11 | 4 | 2 | 24 | 56 |
| Boston | 10 | 6 | 1 | 21 | 43 |
| Ottawa | 8 | 6 | 3 | 21 | 45 |
| Pittsburgh | 5 | 9 | 3 | 14 | 40 |
| Carolina | 6 | 9 | 3 | 15 | 47 |
| Buffalo | 5 | 8 | 4 | 14 | 43 |

| WESTERN CONFERENCE | | | | | |
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| Central Division | | | Pacific Division | | |
| | W | L | T | Pts | GF |
| Detroit | 12 | 3 | 3 | 27 | 64 |
| St. Louis | 12 | 3 | 3 | 26 | 41 |
| Dallas | 10 | 6 | 3 | 23 | 58 |
| Phoenix | 7 | 7 | 2 | 16 | 47 |
| Chicago | 7 | 10 | 1 | 15 | 34 |
| Toronto | 4 | 8 | 3 | 11 | 29 |
| Pacific Division | | | | | |
| Colorado | 8 | 3 | 6 | 22 | 55 |
| Anaheim | 8 | 6 | 4 | 20 | 48 |
| Los Angeles | 7 | 7 | 4 | 18 | 57 |
| Edmonton | 5 | 9 | 4 | 16 | 52 |
| San Jose | 6 | 11 | 1 | 13 | 46 |
| Calgary | 3 | 12 | 4 | 10 | 49 |
| Vancouver | 3 | 12 | 8</ | | |

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ENGLISH THEATER

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The Jerusalem English Speaking Theater (JEST) presents Nicholas Wright's Mrs. Klein...



Katrin Cartlidge gives a funny, powerful performance in 'Career Girls.'

FILM

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CAREER GIRLS - Perhaps best appreciated as a Mike Leigh microcosm, this new film contains some of the acclaimed English writer/director's best impulses...

bestows on most of the flashback scenes the grotesquely mannered quality of an acting-class exercise...

MY BEST FRIEND'S WEDDING - Australian director P.J. Hogan's movie stars Julia Roberts as a neurotic New York restaurateur...

TV

CHANNEL 1: 6:30 News flash, 6:31 News in Arabic, 6:45 Good Morning Israel. EDUCATIONAL TV: 8:00 Book of Genesis, 8:30 On Second Thought...

CHANNEL 2: 6:15 Today's programs, 6:30 Rupert Bear, 7:00 Coffee with Tel-Ad. CHANNEL 3: 6:00 Executive Lifestyles, 6:30 The Ticket, 7:00 VIP...

CHANNEL 4: 6:00 Executive Lifestyles, 6:30 The Ticket, 7:00 VIP. CHANNEL 5: 6:00 Executive Lifestyles, 6:30 The Ticket, 7:00 VIP...

PRIME TIME TV

Table with 6 columns (1-6) and 6 rows (19:30-23:00) listing TV programs like Youth Ceremony, News, Beverly Hills 90210, etc.

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EUROSPORT: 15:15 News & Business Asia, 16:00 Soccer: Classic Games, 16:30 Bobbeigh, 16:30 Whistler...

WEATHER: Map of Israel and surrounding regions with weather forecasts for various cities like Jerusalem, Haifa, and Tel Aviv.

WINNING CARDS: Advertisement for a daily chance drawing with a graphic of playing cards.

Yesterday's Lotto drawing has been postponed until Thursday.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

SOLUTIONS: Answers to the crossword puzzle, including words like 'ACROSS: 1 Provides camouflage of animal skins (5)'.

QUICK CROSSWORD

Smaller crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

MOVIES

JERUSALEM CINEMATHEQUE: Serpico 5, 9:45. Towards the Sun & Ashes and Diamonds 7:30. Kalle Helmut 9:30. G.G. Gil Jerusalem 4:45, 7:15, 9:30. Father's Day-As Tears Go By 5, 7:15, 9:45...

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Tennis tourney honors Rabin

As determined as Yitzhak was as a soldier never to lose a war, so were his feelings about losing a set on the tennis court, said Leah Rabin yesterday.

Opening an international children's tournament at the Israel Tennis Center in Tel Aviv in the memory of her husband, Mrs. Rabin recalled how the time he had spent on the court were his only relaxing hours.

Among the many tennis officials at yesterday's ceremony was ITC trustee Rubin Josephs who expressed his personal thanks to Yitzhak and Leah Rabin for their contribution to Israeli tennis.

Heather Chait

Clemens wins 4th Cy Young Award

NEW YORK (AP) — Roger Clemens had a personal reason for wanting Cy Young Award No. 4. And it had little to do with baseball. "I got one for Koby and Kory. I got one for Kasy, and I needed one for Kody," he said of his four children after winning the award Monday. "It kind of takes the pressure off dad a little bit."

Clemens, who in his first season with Toronto became the first pitcher to lead the AL in wins, ERA and strikeouts since Detroit's Hal Newhouser in 1945, became the first AL pitcher to win four Cy Youngs. He got 25 of 28 first-place votes and three seconds for 134 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Clemens went 21-7 with a 2.05 ERA and a career-high 292 strikeouts in 264 innings, topping 11 wins for the first time since 1992 and reaching 20 for the fourth time. His ERA was the lowest among AL starters who won the Cy Young since Ron Guidry's 1.74 in 1978.

He didn't gloat that the Red Sox made a bad

decision in allowing him to leave, saying again that Dan Duquette was the cause of his departure, but not the motivation for his season.

"That's one guy I don't want assessing my baseball abilities, especially sitting in front of a computer," Clemens said.

Randy Johnson was second with two first-place votes and 77 points after returning from back surgery to lead Seattle back to the AL playoffs. He missed four late-season starts because of tendinitis in a finger.

"I think it was a big factor," Clemens said. "I think Randy would have been right there and we would have knocked heads."

Clemens also won the award with the Boston Red Sox in 1986, 1987 and 1991. The only other pitchers to win four Cy Youngs were in the NL: Steve Carlton and Greg Maddux (who won in consecutive years).

The six-year span between Cy Youngs matched Gaylord Perry for the largest gap. And the 12 seasons between Clemens' first and last Cy Youngs is the most ever, one more than

Carlton, who won his four from 1972-82. With four Cy Youngs, Clemens appears to be locking up lots of Hall of Fame votes.

"It would be unbelievable. That's the final stop, I guess," he said. "Hopefully, one day I can take the kids in there turn them lose and let them see what their dad did for 15 or 20 years and I won't have to tell them about it."

After leaving Boston to sign a \$24.75 million, three-year contract with the Blue Jays, Clemens got off to an 11-0 start and was picked for his seventh All-Star game. He wound up sharing the AL lead in innings, complete games (nine) and shutouts (three) with teammate Pat Hentgen, the 1996 Cy Young winner.

Minnesota's Brad Radke was third with 17 points, and Baltimore reliever Randy Myers got the other first-place vote, finishing fourth with 14 points.

For winning the award, Clemens gets a \$100,000 bonus. Johnson didn't have a bonus clause for finishing second and Radke gets \$50,000 for finishing third.

Sampras upset by Moya in Hannover

HANNOVER (AP) — The opening match of the ATP Tour World Championship featured the defending champion and the No. 1 in the world against the youngest newcomer. Except, it was Pete Sampras who played like the novice and Carlos Moya who looked like the veteran.

Sampras, the No. 1 who is seeking his fourth title in the elite season-ending event, made a staggering total of 50 unforced errors and lost to the 21-year-old Spaniard 6-3, 6-7 (4-7), 6-2 yesterday.

"It was a tough day," Sampras said. "It's not the start I wanted, but I'm not out of it."

Moya's victory gave him a mea-

sure of revenge for the straight-sets loss to the American in the final of the Australian Open early this year.

Because of the round-robin format of the preliminary round, Sampras is still in contention. But he faces tough matches against Patrick Rafter and Greg Rusedski, who are both ranked higher than No. 7 Moya.

In a battle between two stars of 1997 and newcomers to the event, Rafter beat the big-serving Rusedski 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Rafter, ranked No. 3 in the world, also beat Rusedski to win the US Open, his first Grand Slam title.

Rusedski, ranked No. 5, is the first British representative in the

tournament, while Rafter is the first Australian since 1987.

In the other group, Michael Chang, No. 2 in the world, survived four set points in the first set and beat Sergi Bruguera 7-6 (10-8), 6-2.

Chang, runner up in 1995, is making his sixth appearance in the event. After prevailing in the close first set, Chang breezed through the second, twice breaking serve.

The \$3.3-million tournament brings together the top eight players in the world, split into two groups. The top two from each group advance to the semifinals.

Sampras, playing his eighth championship, will meet Rusedski

today, while Rafter battles Moya. Jonas Bjorkman plays Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the other group.

Moya had also beaten Sampras in practice Monday. "I realized that he wasn't playing very well, that the court was slow and that I had a chance." The Spaniard made full advantage of the slow, hard court, installed after several players complained that last year's carpet surface was too fast.

Although he won last year, Sampras was one of the complainers. He may have had a few regrets yesterday.

"The conditions are very, very slow. It's tough to finish points," Sampras said.



TOP GUN — Roger Clemens mows 'em down. (AP)

Schumacher gets slap on wrist; F1 teams cleared

SLOUGH, England (AP) — Michael Schumacher escaped without a ban or a fine yesterday over his collision with Jacques Villeneuve in the season-ending Formula One race two weeks ago.

In what amounted to a slap on the wrist for the two-time champion, world motor sport's ruling body stripped the Ferrari driver of his second-place finish in the 1997 drivers' championship.

In a related ruling, FIA's World Motor Sports Council cleared the Williams and McLaren teams of allegations that they colluded to fix the European Grand Prix in Jerez, Spain, on October 26.

"I think it is perfectly clear that the race in Jerez was not fixed and no Formula One race has ever been fixed," FIA president Max Mosley said.

Schumacher, the circuit's most marketable personality, had risked a possible ban for the entire 1998 season and a fine of up to \$1 million for ramming Villeneuve's Williams car in Jerez.

But the Motor Sports Council decided against banning Schumacher from any of next year's races or imposing any fine.

Schumacher has denied intentionally ramming Villeneuve but admitted he made a driving error.

Schumacher's Ferrari spun out after the crash on the 48th lap, while the Canadian finished the race and won his first Formula One championship.

Schumacher had a one-point lead going into the race and has been

widely accused of deliberately trying to knock Villeneuve out in a bid to win his third title.

Mosley said Schumacher's collision with Villeneuve was "apparently deliberate but instinctive and not premeditated."

Mosley said it would be "futile" to ban Schumacher in 1998 on grounds that it would not act as a deterrent.

"There is no driver competing in 1998 who would not be ready to accept the ban in 1999 if he could win the championship in 1998," Mosley said.

Mosley said FIA considered imposing a fine but instead asked Schumacher to take part in a road safety campaign next year.

As for the just-concluded 1997 season, Mosley said Schumacher was being excluded. Although his individual results and points will stand, he will no longer be the runner-up to Villeneuve in the drivers' championship.

Williams' driver Heinz-Harald Frentzen moves up to second place, with McLaren's David Coulthard to third.

Meanwhile, the FIA body took no action against Williams and McLaren over the allegations that they conspired to fix the European Grand Prix.

News reports in Italy and Britain, based on transcripts of radio conversations during the race, have said that Villeneuve was ordered by Williams to let McLaren drivers Mika Hakkinen and Coulthard pass him on the final lap. The McLarens finished first and second, with Villeneuve third.

Berkovic accuses West Ham team mate of jealousy

LONDON (Reuters) — Israel international Eyal Berkovic could be heavily fined after slapping West Ham team mate John Moncur during Sunday's defeat at Chelsea and criticizing the same player in a newspaper article.

Berkovic, who joined West Ham from Southampton in June for £1.75 million (\$3.0 million), has scored five goals in 15 appearances for West Ham this season, but despite his good start for the Hammers, there have been continual rumours he was unhappy at Upton Park.

Yesterday Berkovic publicly explained why.

Speaking two days after their well-publicised bust-up during Sunday's 2-1 defeat at Chelsea, Berkovic accused Moncur of jealousy and turning people at the club against him.

He told the Daily Mirror: "I am not sorry about what I have done. John Moncur deserved to be hit."

"He is one of the most jealous people I have ever met in my life. I gave

him a slap because I just could not stand it anymore."

"Right from the beginning of the season he has done everything against me, goaded the other players and even incited the supporters against me."

"I am not going to give up on this matter."

Moncur said he was astonished by Berkovic's comments.

"There has been no problem between us whatsoever and I always believed we got on fine," he told the newspaper.

"We have struck up a good understanding in midfield and we had never had an argument before Sunday's game."

"What happened then was just a silly one-off incident. The slap didn't bother me in the slightest. I wasn't angry about it and I shrugged it off as soon as it happened."

"I quite like Eyal as a person. I am not jealous of him in any way. I have never argued anyone against him and the supporters clearly love him."

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